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CYRUS TRICKETT
Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 that all persons having claims or demands upon or against the Estate of CYRUS TRICKETT deceased formerly employed by Shanghai Dockyards Ltd., who died on the 9th day of August 1938 at Shanghai China are hereby requested on or before the 30th day of June 1939 to send in writing particulars of their claims or demands to the undersigned AND that after the said 30th day of June 1939 the Administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to claims and demands of which the undersigned shall then have had notice and will not be answerable for the assets so distributed or any part thereof to any person of whose claim or demand the undersigned shall not then have had notice.

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Shanghai, April 22, 1939.
12296

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirty-third Ordinary General Meeting of The Shanghai Electric Construction Company, Limited, will be held at the Head Office of the Company, 185 Soochow Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday the Twenty-fifth day of April, 1939, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon for the purposes following, namely:—

(1) To receive and consider the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet, and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
(2) To declare a Dividend.
(3) To elect Directors.
(4) To appoint Auditors.
(5) To transact any other business of an Ordinary General Meeting.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from April 10, to April 25, 1939, both dates inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. POLLOCK,
Secretary.

185 Soochow Road,
Shanghai, March 25, 1939.

NOTE:—A holder of a Share Warrant to Bearer desiring to attend and vote at the meeting must deposit the Share Warrant together with a statement in writing of his name and address at the Head Office of the Company in Shanghai or at the Registered Office of the Company, Basildon House, Moorgate, London, E.C. 2, two clear days at least before the day appointed for the meeting or adjourned meeting.

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12303

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, No. 26 The Bund, Shanghai, on Tuesday, May 9, 1939, at 10.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts to December 31, 1938, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from May 2 to May 9, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. H. K. COBB,
Acting General Manager.
Shanghai, April 25, 1939.
12299

THE YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.
(Incorporated in Hongkong)

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Association will be held at its Head Office, No. 26 The Bund, Shanghai, on Tuesday, May 9, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts to December 31, 1938, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Association will be CLOSED from May 2 to May 9, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. H. K. COBB,
Acting General Manager.
Shanghai, April 25, 1939.
12300

To-day's Events

APRIL

25 Anzac Day Memorial Ceremony at Cenotaph, 8.30 a.m.
25 A.W.C. Bridge and Mahjongg, 3
25 Australian & New Zealand Society's dinner, 8.30
25 Reel Club resumes, 9
25 Iranian Residents' Assn. dinner dance, Cathay Hotel, 8.30
25 *Anzac Day*
25 *Princess Royal's birthday (1897)*

Coming Events

APRIL

26 Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting at 11.30 a.m.
26 B.W.A. Sports, Bridge/Mahjongg, 3
26 Theosophical Society, 75 Jessfield Road, Public Lecture, 6
27 Rummage Sale, American Women's Club, 9 a.m.
27 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
27 K.D.S. Bridge/Mahjongg Tea, Race Club, entrance Mohawk Road, 3
27 Royal Asiatic Society meeting
27 O.A.G. & Sinica: 'Neunhundert Jahre Typendruck in China,' Lecture, 6.30
27 Old Marlburian Club, Dinner, S'hai Club, 8.15
27 G. Koudinoff's gala performance 'The Last Waltz' by Strauss, Lt. Op., Lyceum, 8.45
27 World Bridge Olympic, S.I.B.C., 9
28 B.U.S.C. Annual Meeting at Park Hotel
28 Nordisk Fest, Cercle Sportif Francais 8
28 American Junior Chamber of Commerce, Dinner Dance, 9
29 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
29 'The Last Waltz,' Lt. Op., Lyc., 8.45
29 Artist Club, Shanghai, first evening performance, A.W.C., 9
29 A.T.A. presents 'Whose Money,' 'The Eve in Evelyn,' 'A Flower of Yeddo,' at Shanghai Jewish School, 9
30 St. Andrew's v. St. George's Soc., Golf Match
30 'The Last Waltz,' Lt. Op., Lyc., 8.45
30 Municipal Orchestra Symphony Concert, Lyceum, 5.15

MAY

2 A.W.C. Literary Dept. tiffin, 12.30
2 A.D.C. Club Evening, Lyceum, 9.15
4 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
4 B.W.A. Bridge and Mahjongg, 3
4 S.W.A. general meeting, C.S.F., 4
4 B.W.A., S.S.B. Jumble Sale
4 B.U.S.C., 'Petroleum Refining,' by H.G.B. Perry, 114 Peking Road, 6
4 Beethoven's Mass in C. Community Church, 8.30
4 Le Ballet Russe, gala performance of 'The Sleeping Beauty,' symphonic ballet music by Tschaikowsky, Lyc., 9
5 American Sch'l operetta, 'Boy Blue,' 4
5 Annual Dinner of the Society of Chartered Accountants in China, 8.15
5 Shanghai Camera Club Meeting and Lecture, 330 Szechuen Road, 9
6 Prof. B. Zakharoff's pupils' annual piano recital, A.W.C., 4
6 American School operetta, 'Boy Sports, Kiaochow Park, 2.30
6 Cathedral Boys' School Athletic Blue,' 5.30
6 Ballet Russe, 'Sleeping Beauty,' Lyc.
7 Ballet Russe, 'Sleeping Beauty,' Lyc.
9 A.W.C. flower show, 2.30
9 German A.D.C. 'Lauter Luegen,' Lyc., 9
11 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
12 B.W.A. Gardening Club Day, 4
16 A.W.C. annual meeting, 3
16 Cath. Boys' School, M.C.L. Entertainment, 5.30
16 Gala performances, Lyceum Theatre, 'Music Hall 1900/1939'
17 Cath. Boys' School, M.C.L. Entertainment, 5.30
17 Gala performances, Lyceum Theatre, 'Music Hall 1900/1939'
19 Institution of Electrical Engineers (China Centre) annual dinner, 8
20 S'hai Light Horse, Ann. Ball, Race Club
23 A.W.C. Bridge and Mahjongg, 3

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12307

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Head Office, 1 Rue Montauban, Shanghai, on Thursday, May 11, 1939, at 4 p.m. for following purposes: To receive the Directors' report, the balance sheet and accounts for the working year ending December 31, 1938; to receive the auditors' report; to declare a dividend; to elect Directors; and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The transfer books of the company will be closed from May 4 to May 11, 1939 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares will be effected.

By order of the Board of Directors,
F. BOUVIER.
Shanghai, April 22, 1939.
12308

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To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1938, to declare a dividend, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 26 to May 4, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries and General Managers.
Shanghai, April 19, 1939.
12210

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty Ninth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at No. 49 Szechuen Road, Shanghai on Thursday, May 4, 1939 at 11.45 a.m. for the following purposes:—

To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1938, to declare a Final Dividend, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 26 to May 4, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries and General Managers.
Shanghai, April 19, 1939.
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S.M.C. Ratepayers' Meeting
Concession Chinese Flag-Raising Controversy
Local Celebration of Herr Adolf Hitler's Birthday
I.R.C. 27th Annual Race Meeting and Reception
S.V.C. Inspection Parade
Local Sports
Local Weddings

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Shanghai, April 22, 1939.
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Anti-Aggression:
Defence of the Soviet

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—Much thunder and improper one-sided statements by some of your readers (apparently self-styling themselves Russian patriots) produce a feeling of disgust in many an impartial observer, save alone the Soviet citizens. To scorn, condemn and spread tons of filth on the government that has readily extended its hand to the democratic bloc, pledging an immediate assistance should the danger of further aggressors' moves become imminent, is not truly just.

How is it that V.F.G. "correctly assumes" that the Soviet link in the projected anti-aggression chain is "not a sound one" and liable to snap almost at once? With such monotonous, and at times almost boring, fancy vehemence does V.F.G. ridicule the Soviet Government, its power and might, bringing again forth that truly stale tirade about "tyranny," "concentration camps," "unspeakable sufferings," and "apparent unrest," that even a reader sympathizing with V.F.G.'s ideas will, upon contemplation of the bitter reading healthily yawn and suggest something else.

May it be known to you, V.F.G., that the democratic powers had this time used their knowledge of arithmetic very correctly indeed, and once for all had estimated the exact number of Soviet aeroplanes, tanks, infantry divisions, etc., to be added to the British trench forces in conjunction with definite Soviet assurance to aid immediately the democratic bloc. So far so good, and as we may say the Axis had considerably quietened down, which is detrimental to your statement that "the dictators may enjoy a good laugh." Not laugh, V.F.G., but read "cry."

V.F.G. further uses a profoundly stale argument when he assures what he considers to be an obliged listener with an old monologue re the Army's and people's morale, "enslaved by the Soviet undertakings," and actually not at all loyal to their government. To contradict V.F.G. would be childish; those in need of that very handy *piece de résistance* have used the same for over twenty-two years. You are a kind supporter of democracy, V.F.G., when you attempt a foregone conclusion and "hand over" Red aeroplanes, tanks and guns to Hitler, as they, you assert, "will be an easy prey," and eventually "turn against the democratic power." If you yourself believe all that you have written, V.F.G., I would believe you too! May it be known that the Soviet people, its army and navy, satisfied as they are with the proletarian régime, enthusiasts and builders of the first Soviet State and masters of their own land, are ever ready to deal an effective blow on any aggressor. Had the powers concerned included U.S.S.R. and not extended a "cold shoulder" to the willing ally in the memorable autumn days of 1938, the fate of proud little Czechoslovakia would be different and Germany's territory would not increase at the expense of other neighbouring petty states.

The pen is certainly mightier than the sword, V.F.G., providing you use it correctly. To use very old antagonism, blended with false statements spread by fancy vehemence to assure the interested reader, is a hard and ungrateful task! Soviet Russia is ready and unafraid, V.F.G., there is no "apparent unrest" and "dissatisfaction"—the willingness of the Soviet Republic to co-operate with democracies proves the solid basis of the workers' government!

Reflector.

Shanghai, Apr. 23.

Some Questions for V.F.G.

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—Allow me to put a few questions to V.F.G. re his letter published on April 22 in this column containing an appreciation of the Soviet part in the European anti-aggression scheme. While fully agreeing with V.F.G. in regard to the alleged weakness and untrustworthiness of the Soviets, as a member of the powerful anti-aggression bloc of the so-called European Democracies, which was already amply proved by the recent political events in Europe, I can't clearly comprehend what V.F.G. means by using such terms as "Nationalistic Russia," "the great country of Holy Russia," "150 millions of Russian Christians" etc.

As I gather from his manner of writing, V.F.G. is, in all probability, a White Russian, and if I guess right, how can this correspondent sincerely eulogize his "Nationalistic Russia" and an advisability to insert such one as "a link in the anti-aggression chain" in lieu of the Soviets? In view of the numerous separatist movements existing nowadays amidst the non-Russian peoples in the Red Czardom, Ukraine taking the lead, followed by the nations of Caucasus, White Russia, Idel-Ural/Russian Turko-Tartars/and Turkestan, what is the real worth of "the Nationalistic Russia?" We know all the uprisings and difficulties the Soviets had and evidently will have in future, took place in the Soviet borderlands, viz., Ukraine, Caucasus and Turkestan. Does V.F.G. pretend the numerous sacrifices these nations have made since 1917 were just for the sake of rebuilding a Nationalistic Russia, which is in my opinion no less an Utopia than the Communistic paradise of Messrs Lenin and Stalin, and existed but in the imagination of Russian Don Quixotes. V.F.G. forgets that the Czarist Russia, which he, evidently, means by his chimerical term "Nationalistical Russia," owes her perdition in no small degree to the combined efforts of those separatist movements in the Russian borderlands, disguised under the garments of the socialist movement, as proved by the Polish, Ukrainian and Georgian political parties.

There will never be a return to "the Nationalistic Russia," if the nations in question can ever help, and the sooner the misguided Russian patriots realize the incongruity of such a non-realistic conception and duly abandon it, the better for their peace of mind. The Allies had already an opportunity to learn what may be expected of their supporting any White Russian political undertakings by their experience with Messrs Denikin, Wrangel, Kolchak etc., and there is hardly any hope of witnessing a repetition of a similar blunder on the side of the Western Powers. Let Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini take their turn with "the Holy Russia" business, as it seems they are mentally more disposed to it, maybe they will be more lucky.

Not pretending to be a fortune-teller, I don't see any issue out of the present impasse, in which the rebellious peoples of the Soviets find themselves at present put between the Nazist Germany and the Soviets, if it won't be similar to that in 1918. In the ensuing as a natural consequence of any larger armed conflict in which the Soviets might be involved, huge anarchy and dismemberment of Russia, the combined forces of the separatists must win the day, and the Western Powers will do well not to miss their chance in choosing and supporting the right side and not to repeat their previous faults which caused the rise and prospering of the present extreme "isms" with the ensuing consequences for the panic-stricken mankind of today. Let us hope that when it will once more come to a political situation similar to that in 1918, the handling and influencing the vital problems concerning the welfare of nations will be entrusted to more competent and responsible parties than those directly and indirectly guilty of all the calamity we find ourselves in nowadays since 1918. It is alleged, *inter alia*, that one of those highly-important politicians, who is still alive, and in his time strongly influenced the issue of the all-Russian anarchy and civil war, didn't know whether Kharkoff was a Ukrainian town or a White Russian general.

To conclude this long letter, I dare reject V.F.G.'s assertion there was anything in the neighbourhood of "150 millions of Russian Christians," even if V.F.G. will include all the Ukrainians, White Russians, Georgians, Armenians and other non-Muscovite Christians, whom he without doubt, considers as the future components of that whimsical "Nationalistic Russia."

P. D. S.

Shanghai, Apr. 24.

Russo-Asiatic Bank:
A Depositor's Enquiry

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—In 1926 or 1927 the Russo-Asiatic Bank in Shanghai closed its doors, going into liquidation. Within about the first two years of liquidation 50 per cent was paid out to the depositors. Since that time, no further payments have been made, in spite of the fact that the liquidators and their staff are still busy drawing regularly their salaries and paying their expenses out of the depositors' money. Just think of it, for nearly ten long years since the last dividend payment has been made, the liquidation is going on, and not a cent paid to the depositors!

Being unfamiliar with all the intricacies of bank liquidation, I wonder if you, Sir, or someone of your readers, or, maybe the liquidators themselves, would find it possible to kindly answer the following questions.

What could a depositor or a group of depositors do if they are not satisfied with the way the liquidation of their bank is going on?

Who are now the liqudators of the Russo-Asiatic Bank, by whom were they appointed, and who has the power to re-appoint others?

When, if ever, will the liquidation of the Russo-Asiatic Bank come to a close, and may the depositors hope for a further dividend?

Depositor.

Shanghai, Apr. 24.

Ratepayer's Meeting:
Some More Complaints

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—I agree with every word of Ratepayer's letter appearing in your columns this morning and hope with him that the utility concerns will increase their surcharges. It seems the more we protest the more they increase. Is anybody doing anything to bring down the surcharges?

I also think that the salary increases to "A" class employees of the S.M.C. were on far too generous a scale and should be reduced. The Special Committee of Business Men should not have been composed mainly of men connected with such prosperous business concerns. People like them do not consider their less lucky brethren.

Further, is it not time for rents to come down considering that landlords have cut off the heating in our flats.

Moderation.

Shanghai, Apr. 24.

Propaganda:
The Way to Deal With it

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—A correspondent in today's "N.C.D.N." mentioned the fact that many people have been receiving copies of the "East Asia Review" week after week. The only way to deal with this unwanted periodical is (a) write across the front page "Returned without thanks," and omit to pay the postage or (b) write a letter to the same effect, and leave the postage to be paid by the publishers, who have no right to pester people in this way.

J. N. Lewis Bryan.

Shanghai, Apr. 23.

Professor Neisser:
Was He Jew Or Aryan?

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

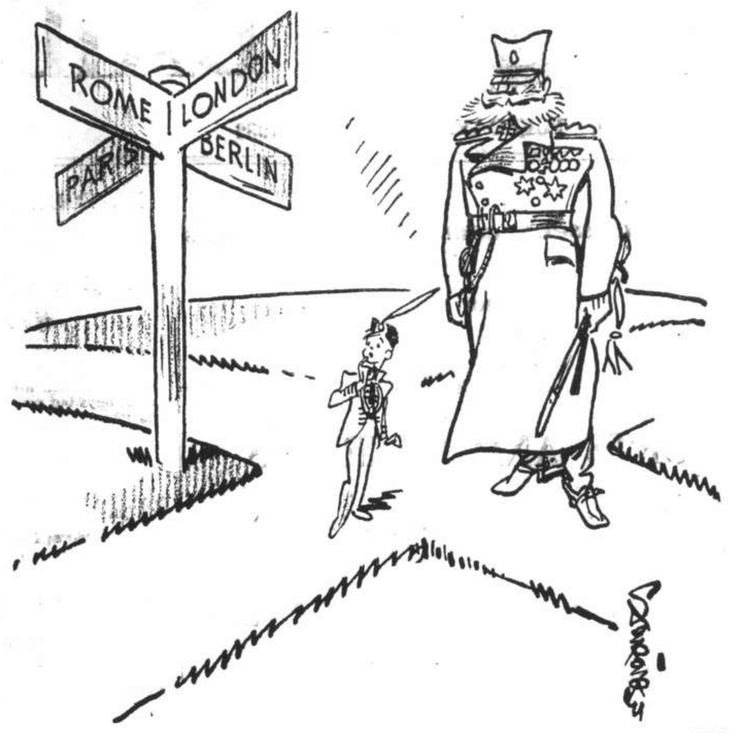
Sir,—I am reading an old but very interesting book (printed 33 years ago) concerning medical doctors wherein the famous Privy Councillor Professor Dr. Neisser of Breslau (Germany) is mentioned. I am greatly interested to know whether he is or was a Jew or an Aryan.

Would you, Sir, or any of your readers kindly give me the desired information?

Interested.

Shanghai, Apr. 23.

Mr. Alan Lascelles, the King's Assistant Private Secretary, who was recently in New York, making arrangements for the Royal visit to the United States, is a cousin of Lord Harewood. He is known to the King and Queen and his other friends as "Tommy," and is His Majesty's chief adviser on all Dominion matters. He will stay a month in the United States and Canada before returning to report to the King.



BY SAPAJOU

Whither Yugoslavia?

Goodrich Exhibit At World's Fair
Proving Ground Where Cars Are Put Through Severe And Exhaustive Tests

Motor cars careening crazily over an area as big as the field of an athletic stadium, crashing head-on into one another, turning over and over in somersaults; doing, in fact, all the perilous things every motorist prays he'll never do, provide hair-raising thrills for spectators at the New York World's Fair.

These breath-taking "stunts," performed with gleeful disregard of life or limb by Jimmy Lynch and his team of dare-devil drivers, are to be part of the exhibit presented by the B.F. Goodrich Co. tyre and general rubber goods manufacturers of Akron, Ohio.

The object of the exhibition on the "proving ground" is to afford dramatic testing of the anti-skid and trustworthy character of the Goodrich automobile tyres. Parts of the surface of the "proving ground" are to be sprinkled with water and other parts will have mechanically-controlled "bumps," and visitors will be permitted to ride in the cars driven over these manufactured hazards to note the manner in which they are negotiated by the company's tyres.

At the main entrance of the Goodrich Exhibit Building, designed to occupy one end of the generally oval plot, there is to be a 90-ft. tower. Stretching away from it in a curve to enclose one end of the "proving ground," there are to be grandstands for those watching the daring automobile driving. Along the sides of the field the walkways will be screened to afford another vantage point for spectators, 5,000 of whom can be accommodated at one time.

"Tyre Guillotine"

The soaring tower is to house a "tyre guillotine." Through its glass sides, visitors will see a heavily weighted blade plunge downward from varying heights directly upon motor car truck and aeroplane tyres. The scientific function of the "guillotine" is to demonstrate the resistance offered by the tyres to the edge of the weighted blade.

Railway and subway car trucks and springs developed by Goodrich engineers in co-operation with equipment manufacturers are displayed in operation in a similar exhibit. A subway train thus equipped is reported as scheduled to be put in service within a short time in New York's metropolitan area.

The Goodrich exhibit is said by company officials to be one of the most comprehensive rubber displays ever assembled. In addition to presenting all kinds of tyres and a wide variety of household rubber goods, spectators will be permitted a behind-the-scenes view of many of the 32,000 products manufactured by the Goodrich organization, which was the first to locate in Akron.

As an inducement to purchasers, owners of London houses are advertising "A.R.P. trenches in garden." One of the first to do so was the Hon. David Smith, youngest brother of Lord Hambleden, who has a residence in Eaton-square.

WORLD RADIO

The following table shows the Shanghai times at which *news* is broadcast in the principal countries of the world, together with the wave-lengths and frequencies used. We shall be glad to receive comment or suggestions from listeners, which should be addressed or telephoned to the Radio Editor of the "North-China Daily News" (Tel. 11055). The times, given in the first column, are all between noon and midnight.

LONDON

P.M.	Metres	Cycles
2.30, 4.45, 10.00	19.76	15.18
6.45, 9.50	16.84	17.81

Today's BBC Programme

1.00 "Hail Columbia," Britain's greeting to New York World's Fair
2.15 "For Sailors," Mercantile Marine programme
2.30 News
2.45 "Anzac Day, 1939," poetry and music
3.15 Sports news and markets
8.25 "The Thin Red Line," famous regiments
9.15 News
9.30 "Food for Thought," talks
9.45 Sports news and markets
10.00 "Anzac Day, 1939," poetry and music
10.45 "Pioneers of Empire," talk
12.00 News

PARIS

7.00	19.68	15.24

ROME

5.30, 9.30, 12.00	25.40	11.81
7.00	31.13	9.63

BERLIN

3.00	19.63/16.89	15.28/17.76
8.00, 10.00	31.45/19.63	9.54/15.28

SAN FRANCISCO

8.30, 10.30	31.48	9.53

MANILA

6.30, 11.00	31.35	9.57

MELBOURNE

5.15, 8.30 9.20	31.32	9.58

TOKYO

1.00, 2.00, 3.30 4.30, 10.00, 11.00	25.42	11.80

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Adml. Byrd Planning Another Expedition

Jenkintown, Penn., Apr. 23.

Rear Admiral Richard Byrd, famous American explorer, announced last night that he is planning a third trip to the South Pole region in the near future. He said preparations for the trip already were being made but that he could not reveal detailed plans

British Business Men Ousted from Reich

Berlin, Apr. 24.

Government officials today confirmed reports that three British business men had recently been expelled from Hamburg in reprisal for the recent expulsion of Gestapo agents from England.—United Press.

Seventy Years Ago

From the "North-China Daily News" of April 25, 1869

Yip Ahboy, the bully of the street in which he resides, was brought up for assaulting the compradore sent to collect the Municipal taxes, and also the native constable who went to settle matters. The first man he caught by the throat, threw him, and was hammering away at him as hard as he could when a foreign sergeant arrived at the scene. Prisoner turned on him, but found a tough morsel, so he returned to the constable; and the sergeant was obliged to give him several thumps before he would let go his hold. To the inspector he was very saucy, and in fact respected no laws, or cared for any one. His defence which was both loud and long must have contained some force, as the Mandarin only fined him $1.

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S. V. C. Orders

S.V.C. Mobilization Scheme, 1937—Return of:—Personnel in possession of S.V.C. Mobilization Scheme, 1937 resigning from the Corps, proceeding on leave, etc. are requested to return their copies of the above Mobilization Scheme to Corps Headquarters.

Weapon Training:—The undermentioned have classified as marksmen for Training Season 1938-39:—Classification (Rifle):—American Company:—Pte. R. Hutchinson. Portuguese Company.—2nd Lt. A. M. Marques, Cpl. M. Gutterres, Pte. O. Costa, Cpl. M. Ferras, Pte. J. Campos, Cpl. A. Caldas, Pte. A. Cruz, L/Cpl. H. Aquino, Pte. J. Llora, L/Cpl. J. Costa, Pte. F. Rocha, L/Cpl. F. Guerres, Pte. T. Collaco, Pte. B. Marques, Pte. A. Almeida. Classification (Lewis Gun):—Shanghai Scottish Company:—Sgt. I. McGilchrist, Sgt. D. M. Wheeler. No. 3 (Vol) Company:—Pte. B. A. Kosolapoff. Classification (Revolver):—Light Automatic (A.D.) Company:—Capt. J. E. Badeley. Classification (Pistol):—American Company:—Lieut. W. M. Awad, 2nd Lieut. C. J. Langley, Sgt. M. A. Kuhn.

Weapon Training—30 Yards Range (Rifle):—The undermentioned has qualified on "30 yards Range":—"A" Company:—Pte. A. R. Richards.

Officers—Return from Leave:—Corps Headquarters—2nd Lieutenant P. G. Calcina return from leave April 15. Scottish Company.—Captain A. G. Lang return from leave April 17. American Company.—Captain W. C. Farnham return from leave April 19.

Acknowledgment:—The Commandant has received a message from Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Brady thanking him, and all ranks of the Corps for their sympathy, and the floral tribute sent, on the death of their son, the late Private T. G. Brady of "A" Company.

Strength:—Increase:—The undermentioned are taken on the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Cavalry:—Light Horse.—Tpr. R. P. G. Dowdall April 18. Tpr. E. H. Browne. ("A" Cl. Res) April 21. Corps Troops:—Armoured Car Company.—Pte. F. W. Poate, Jr. April 18. "A" Battalion:—Scottish Company.—Pte. A. A. Kliene April 17. Jewish Company.—Pte. A. Kollmann April 14. Light Automatic (A.D.) Company:—Pte. H. J. Hurst April 14. "B" Battalion:—Portuguese Company.—Pte. F. B. Nery (644) April 17. Decrease:—The undermentioned are taken off the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Troops:—Armoured Car Company.—Cal. G. M. Mills April 14. Pte. A. M. Crank April 19. Transport Company.—Pte. K. G. Neuberg April 20. "B" Battalion:—American Company.—Pte. D. Dannemann April 18.

Leave:—Corps Cavalry H.G.—Captain W. R. McBain, A.F.C., M.C., leave extended from April 10 to April 16. Reserve of Officers "B"—Lieutenant W. T. Fulstow from May 9, 1939 to December 10.

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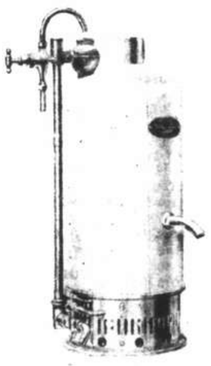

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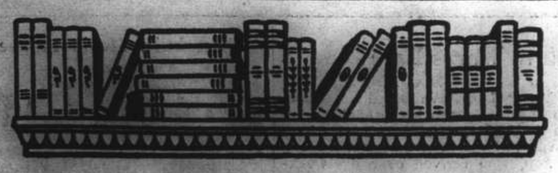

THE BOOK PAGE

The White Metal

SILVER MONEY By Dickson H. Leavens. Published by Cowles Commission for Research in Economics (as Monograph No. 4). Three illustrations and 12 charts. Principia Press, Inc. Bloomington, Indiana. U.S.$4.

Until quite recently, to wit until October, 1935, one could not think in terms of Chinese economics, Chinese currency or Chinese international trade, without linking these notions to silver. The entire economic structure of this country was closely interwoven and intimately connected with silver as basis for almost everything pertaining to its career. But it was not only China where silver had been swaying the destiny of mankind, but equally the entire globe from times immemorial. There were periods during the Middle Ages when the quest for the white metal led to daring exploration, to war and to cruel conquest of foreign lands. These times have sunk into oblivion. Even China, which was thought incapable of ever forsaking silver, after having been divorced from the shining metal, promised well to proceed along the road of progress with its managed paper currency. Only active warfare shattered hopes which otherwise were well-founded. Both in peace and war China has forgotten silver as basis for its monetary standards.

The white metal, which throughout two thousand years formed the theme of a chequered drama, after having served as the principal medium of exchange in the Occident and in the Orient, has been dethroned and abandoned by both the West and the East. Does this fact not vividly picture man's own attempt towards a conquest of nature and his struggle to attain higher standards of life? While condemned to death silver in the last moment found an ardent advocate who finally became its foster-father: the Treasury of the United States of America, where the frail child is now being held in iron lungs, in the hope that its life may be maintained by artificial breathing.

Literature on Silver

In conformity with the great importance which silver as metal and as money was destined to play throughout centuries there naturally exists very representative and valuable literature on the subject. There are most excellent books on silver in its many aspects available: geologically, from the monetary standpoint and in connection with employment in the arts and industries. As a life-long student of silver the reviewer owns a library on this particular subject which probably is unsurpassed in the Far East. However, it is small in comparison with what has been written and issued in print on this particular subject. From this assertion one is permitted to deduce that it would be well-nigh impossible to bring out new literature on the subject of silver, claiming positive value. And yet, it can be stated without fear of contradiction that Mr. Dickson H. Leavens's work "Silver Money" is entitled to be considered new in many aspects and a distinctly valuable addition to a topic of never-ending interest. Before proceeding further it ought to be pointed out that the author and his new work deserve special attention, because of Mr. Leavens's very extensive study of the entire silver problem, and equally because of the inclusion of a number of aspects which have never before been presented in such an orderly, masterly and unbiassed shape. These aspects are the outcome of the present Administration's silver policy.

A China Hand

During a lengthy period, namely from 1909 to 1928, Mr. Leavens lived in the centre of China as the treasurer of the Yale University in Changsha, Hunan. In this capacity he had ample opportunities to study the practical features of monetary silver: and he positively made good use of actualities. It was more than ten years ago when the writer began to correspond with Mr. Leavens on the subject of silver in China, a correspondence which was upheld for years. Owing to this incident the reviewer is enabled to judge the merits of the new book much better than anyone who was not enabled to watch the building up of Mr. Leavens's work. Although ready for publishing in 1934, the author had to suffer the disappointment of having to stop the printer's labours, because that and the following year brought epoch-making changes into the entire silver problem.

Main Features of the Book

After very briefly touching upon some of the quantitative aspects of the white metal the author deals with the historical side of monetary silver, by describing the period of bimetallism in America (1783-1873), followed by its precarious existence there until 1893. The problem of bimetallism in the Latin Monetary Union and the demonetization in Europe are clearly described. The abandonment of the white metal in America between 1893 and 1900 is recorded in detail. One of the principal parts naturally is formed by the narrative pertaining to silver's career in India and China and the latter country's monetary reform of 1935. The phenomenal rise of prices as a consequence of the World War, followed by a spectacular fall form the subject of other chapters. Closely connected with these movements were, of course, their consequences to post-war changes in the Indian and Chinese currency system, as well as their influence on the price levels.

And now an entirely new (because hitherto never discussed in logical and unbiassed form) domain is entered by Mr. Leavens. He unfolds the many attempts to "do something for silver," slogans which were shouted so loudly, that they were heard by the wide world, without carrying conviction. Silver under the New Deal of 1933, as well as the Silver Purchase Act of 1934 are obtaining masterly treatment by the author. As an immediate consequence the effects of the United States' policy upon China (1934-35) receive deserved attention. The closing chapters, "The Abandonment of the Silver Standard in China" and "Developments of the Silver Situation, 1936-1939" bring the interesting subject right up to this very day. In summarizing the year 1934, so critical for silver, the author confirms the belief so generally held that the United States Government's inauguration and maintainance of its new silver policy cannot be considered otherwise than a futile attempt to patch up broken eggs.

"Silver Money" is a masterful essay. As already mentioned, the reviewer owns a very extensive library on silver. But Mr. Leavens's book will from today occupy premier place on the book-shelves of—E.K.

Twelve Years Old

THE COUNTRYMAN A Quarterly Non-Party Review and Miscellany of Rural Life and Work. April-June. Edited and Published by J. W. Robertson Scott at Idbury, Kingham, Oxfordshire 2/6 quarterly or 10/- yearly.

With its April number "The Countryman" celebrates its twelfth birthday and its readers will wish it "Many happy returns" with enthusiasm. Its audited average quarterly sale is now 18,979 having grown steadily from 3,590 in 1934, the first total given. In this spring number the Editor says that the naturalists, particularly the students of birds—"and how they increase in number!"—have been given more than their usual space. Which brings us to the contemplation of a National Park in the Highlands, for

An old Wiltshire water wheel which is in daily use.

which Lord Onslow made a plea in the last issue. "The Countryman" having received more letters on the subject than it can print in one number, has published the letters in favour of the plan, and proposes in its next issue to publish those against—said to be spirited and including among their authors Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Latymer, and Lord Cavan. Lord Onslow will sum up.

"Some New Thing"

It is impossible to mention all the articles in "The Countryman" because, brevity being the soul of wit, they are all short and therefore numerous. Mr. R. M. Lockley continues his "In Search of an Island" series with "The Birds and Monks of Caldey," the Welsh recipes under "Welsh Farm-House Secrets" sound as if they would be delicious, "The Home Acre" gives hints on fruit-growing, bees and poultry, and Dr. H. J. Denham's article is called "Gambler's Garden"—an encouragement to brave gardeners who will take a chance:

> ....progress in gardening depends on those who are always willing to take a risk, like the Athenians, ever seeking some New Thing...

"First Aid for American Visitors" gives suggestions (at the request of an American) for two or three weekends in the country, with suitable inns. "Living Cheaply in a Caravan" sounds like a good solution of the housing problem. "The Flower Garden" contains pleasant suggestions and hints from garden-loving correspondents—who also supply their own experiences under "Wild Life and Tame."

English Ventilation

The draughtiness of English houses is noticed by the writer of "Epistles from an Old Homestead":

> No sooner had we got into the New House than the cold descended upon us. It has frequently been my experience to hear superior persons, filled with contempt for the lower orders, make scathing comment upon the way in which cottagers keep their windows closed. I know now why those windows never open: there is, to put it mildly, more than adequate ventilation with them shut. The cold flowed through the old oak window and door frames like water through a sluice....

And he mentions later, with some satisfaction, that he was told in New York that every time a window in the upper part of a skyscraper is opened it costs the management a hundred dollars. No. 25 of "Other People's Countrysides" describes Canada, Sir Daniel Hall gives a short account of his career in the third of "The Way by Which I have Come" series, "A Fruitgrower's Diary" has this entry for January 8:

> An amazing warm wind from the tropics. Hibernating tortoiseshell butterflies have come to life in my office cupboard, and moths are flying freely this evening. On plum and apple shoots there are many greenfly eggs. 'Ware a dry summer!

Photographs of everything to be seen in the country are a feature of this quarterly which is a compendium of all things that a lover of the country can want to know.

New Zealand

THE NEW ZEALAND OFFICIAL YEAR-BOOK 1939 Forty-Seventh Issue. Compiled in the Census and Statistics Department of the Dominion of New Zealand. Wellington. 7/6.

This edition of the New Zealand Official Year-Book follows the same lines as its immediate predecessors. All information, statistical and other, has been brought up-to-date as far as possible. A little additional material has been included in some sections, but no major additions to the scope of the book have been made on this occasion. Apart from the exact and extensive information given on Dominion affairs, this volume makes an extremely readable book for all interested in New Zealand. There appears to be nothing with which the compilers have not dealt, and the descriptive articles are very pleasant. From that on Fauna can be learned that a barkless dog was introduced by the Maoris "when they made their notable migrations from their legendary Hawaiki."

> ....The dog without doubt is extinct. It was small, with a pointed nose, pricked ears, and very small eyes. In colour it was white, black, brown, or parti-coloured, and it had long hair, short legs, a short bushy tail, and no loud bark, but only a whine. The Maoris lavished upon it an abundance of affection....

New Zealand farmers regard the tarling as the most useful introduced bird—the house-sparrow as the most destructive, and next to it the sky-lark.

New Fiction

The excited voice of the wholesale purveyor of provisions who was standing on an upturned tub in Hyde Park, heatedly declaring that the prevailing high prices of food commodities were absolutely unjustifiable and that the man in charge of the nation's food, Sir Warner Darwell, was holding up supplies and forcing prices to soar in order that he might fill his own unscrupulous pockets, had the unfortunate consequence of reaching the ears of Norman Conquest, fondly known as the Gay Desperado, professional Trouble Hunter No. 1, and launching him on one of the most hectic episodes of his adventurous career. The intense curiosity of the Desperado led him to discover that Darwell was merely a helpless pawn in the powerful clutches of Count Rurik Voegler—nice name that!—a well-known millionaire and director of more combines and companies than any man in the world. The Herr Direktor had continually succeeded in pulling the wool over the eyes of his many influential acquaintances and, until the timely interference of Conquest, was conducting an uninterrupted and ever-prospering business of high-class swindling, to the utter ignorance of the always credulous public. Discovery followed discovery and it became an established fact that certain highly-placed officials were monkeying with the nation's nosebag, and the thrill of bringing the culprits to light by methods that are positively enjoyable may be shared by the author, hero and reader alike. Daring and humorous to a high degree, intriguing and crammed with action, is Mr. Berkeley Grey's **"Vultures Ltd."** (Collins, London. 7/6), which recounts in stirring language the latest activities of the newly-created romantic adventurer Norman Conquest—it will most definitely please lovers of fast-moving fiction.—M.L.P.

Mr. F. Schauwecker is by all appearances a new-comer to the ranks of writers, and judging by **"The Armoured Cruiser"** (Translated by Miss A. Katherine Barlow. Massie, London. 7/6) he will never take the fancy of the English reading public, although this book, in its initial German version, seems to have taken German readers by storm. No doubt some of the grudges which the reviewer has against the book must be laid at the door of the translator; and the boring uniformity of style, the lack of imagination as far as descriptive writing is concerned, as well as the childlike simplicity with which the author tells a story in 319 pages which could have been told so much more effectively in a hundred, left the reviewer flabbergasted. Much of the book, which according to the subtitle is a naval romance of the World War, deals with the holiday resort where a young naval lieutenant spends his convalescence after having been wounded during a short engagement at sea. Romance seems to have been brought into the book merely to justify the subtitle and consists of two apparitions of a young lady to whom the hero never even speaks and whom he never sees face to face. Proof-reading and make-up seem to have been rather carelessly handled. God is spelt with a minuscule "g", and a lengthy description of the prolonged trip of a severed head inside a gun-turret, as well as other gruelling episodes, shows a propensity towards gruesomeness, particularly during the last few pages when the big naval battle is described. The reader passes page after page in the hope of getting to the real centre of the story, only to find that he has finished reading a book which, properly speaking, has neither an end nor a beginning.—A.S.I.

From the cover of Mr. Gladwell Richardson's **"Dreary River"** (Ward Lock, London. 3/6):

> Tex Keane, bent on clearing his father's name and regaining the V Bar V Ranch, which has been stolen when he was a child, returns to Cougar with a loyal band of cowboys.....

Sam Tracy, in possession of the ranch and later murdered, has a sister, Amy:

> .....Tex glanced at Amy then for the first time during the meeting.... And in her eyes he was sure he read malice. Odd how the girl hated him with their first meeting.....This beautiful young woman with the power to move him so was a member of his enemies....

Could this hatred continue? Obviously not, for although the reader is left to make his own mental picture of Tex's appearance, whatever outward splendour may be assigned to him must be beaten by his inward grace. But it would be a pity to spoil an exciting tale by divulging what happens to the girl and the ranch in the end.—D.P.

Books Received

China Post Letters from Barbara Simpson (Edinburgh House Press, London. 1/-)

Fiction

The Trigger Trail G. C. Henderson (Ward Lock, London. 3/6) **The Lazy L Brand** J. L. Rubel (Ward Lock, London. 3/6) **Slander Villa** C. Kingston (Ward Lock, London. 3/6) **The Dark Ride** W. B. Nicholls (Ward Lock, London. 3/6) **Murder Strikes Twice** M. B. Dix (Ward Lock, London. 3/6)

Though a great house is apt to make slaves haughty, yet it is purchasing a part of the artificial importance of a great empire too dear to pay for its all essential rights and ill the intrinsic dignity of human nature. None of us who would not risk his life rather than fall under a government purely arbitrary.—EDMUND BURKE.

B.F.R.C. Issues Annual Report

Committee Reviews Last Year's Activities and Plans for Future

"Every time we got your invitation, you could see the countenance of every one of us built in smiles, and 2 p.m. on Thursday could not come fast enough. We all appreciate these outings because it is a change from the Barracks, and a jolly good one; and we always look forward to them." The preceding is an extract from a letter written by the Boys of the Seaforth Highlanders to the chairman of the advisory committee for the British Forces Recreation Fund which gives a high tea to the band boys twice each month.

The advisory committee, which has been especially busy during the past year, recently issued its annual report, in which it acknowledges with appreciation donations amounting to $10,740, this sum having made it possible for the committee to maintain the canteen at Ferry Road and the recreation ground at Jessfield Road. Although expenses closely tallied with donations received, the committee also found it possible to contribute liberally to the British Forces "Y.M.C.A." which carries on work of similar nature.

Committee Faces New Difficulty

At the present time the committee is faced with a new difficulty in the probable use of the Ferry Road site by the Hongkong Bank which will make the land no longer available, and since the buildings are showing marked signs of wear and decay after 12 years' service it does not appear justifiable to re-erect an appreciable part of them elsewhere even though a satisfactory site could be obtained. It has therefore been decided to continue the summer recreation ground at Jessfield and to arrange for the dances and other winter entertainments in a hall rented as occasions demand.

Appreciation was also voiced in the report for the work of the canteen committee through which considerable saving has been effected, as it was found possible to dispense with a Chinese caterer. Refreshments are now given free at the weekly whist drives, several of the weekly dances and at special entertainments. A total of about 250 suppers were given at the farewell dances to the Loyal Regiment and the Durham Light Infantry, at the welcome dance to the East Surrey Regiment and at the Chirstmas dance. At the last all mincemeat and plum-puddings were made personally by the canteen committee, ingredients being donated by friends.

British Forces Y.M.C.A.

The British Forces Y.M.C.A. reports 71,472 attendances to evening programme which were held by the organization during the past year and states in its report that the amount of money and reading matter received during the past year has been greatly appreciated. Books and magazines are always needed as although some of the better known posts receive a sufficient quantity, those posts more remote must depend upon the central distributing committee.

U.S. Penalty Duties Go Into Force

German Exports Will Reach Standstill

Washington, Apr. 23.

New United States penalty duties on German goods became effective at midnight last night.

The new duties, imposed because of German discrimination against American goods and German aggression in Europe, are expected to bring German exports to the United States to a virtual standstill. During the past two weeks ships from Europe have brought huge quantities of German goods which were rushed into the country to avoid the new penalty duties.—United Press.

THE STAGE

"Trilby"

Trilby	Crosnier
Mimiche	Sinkevich
Niniche	Tarakanova
Titiche	Socier
Lady Begot	Novatsky
Berthe	Belitsky
Billy Begot	Slobodskoy
Lord "Sandy" Koppen	Yachtman
Taffy Wing	Hovans
Svengali	Speransky
Jacko	Clarin
Vinar	Uraloff
Lord Thomas Begot	Clarin
Janetto	Vedensky

That Mr. M. Speransky is a good singer, is known to opera fans in Shanghai, ever since this Russian artiste arrived here some months ago, but that he is an infinitely better actor, the calibre of which has not been seen in Shanghai for many years, only became evident on Sunday evening, when he portrayed Svengali in "Trilby" which was produced by the Russian A.D.M.C. at the Lyceum Theatre, and received a well-deserved ovation from a nearly sold-out house. There cannot be the least doubt as to who deserves most merit for the performance. Mr. V. Clarin as Lord Thomas Begot and Mr. Speransky, had the house in a frenzy in the last three acts, whilst the first two were not exactly up to the high standard to which the audience was introduced later. Miss Helen Crosnier in the title-role, seemed rather nervous, speaking much too fast and low, to be really appreciated. Her acting was very good indeed, except in Act V, when she "died" a few minutes before the scheduled time and found the two English artists who, according to the script, were to paint her picture before she died, in a rather difficult position. Her beauty and acting, however, will greatly facilitate this young and promising artist to attain some degree of fame, if she will obtain more self-assurance in future productions. The cast supporting the principal actors, was good throughout. Mr. A. Slobodskoy deserves praise for his excellent singing and adverse criticism for over-acting his part on a number of occasions, a circumstance for which their seems no possible excuse in view of his long stage experience. Costumes and scenery were all that could be desired, whilst Maestro Sloutsky handled the musical direction in his usual excellent manner.—A.S.I.

Lifeboat Overturns, Six Drowned

Disaster to Motor Vessel On Trial Trip

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 22.

Disaster today befell a Cullercoat's motor lifeboat making a trial trip off Tynemouth when it overturned in breakers within sight of shore.

The strong wind and the rough sea hampered rescue operations. Of the crew of ten, six were drowned, and three injured.—Reuter.

Among the numerous novels in the German language we have received the following:

Bernhard Cohn:
DAVID WOLFFSOHN

Von Berta Szeps-Zuckerkandl:
ICH ERLEBTE FUNFZIG JAHRE WELTG ESCHICHTE

Sigmund Freud:
DER MANN MOSES UND DIE MONOTHEISTICHE RELIGION

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Japan Saves to Pay for China War

Compulsory System May Be Enforced in Factories

Tokyo, Apr. 22.

During the past financial year, which ended on March 30, the Japanese Ministry of Finance campaigned for the people to save eight billion yen, or £470,000,000, to meet the huge cost of the fighting in China and for financing capital-issues for the expansion of production. This goal, it is claimed, was nearly achieved, as the nation's savings totalled Y.7,200 million, or £423,500,000.

Nevertheless, the absorption of Government bond-issues was not so satisfactory as had been hoped, with the result that the note-issue increased by Y.500 million, leading to higher commodity prices.

This year the Government is asking the Japanese nation to save ten billion yen—roughly £600,000,000—to meet bond-issues totalling six billion yen and four billion yen for industrial expansion.

The "Nichi Nichi," however, declares this total is too low, as it estimates Government bond-issues alone this year will amount to Y.7,500 million. It urges the Government to take strong steps to increase national savings if it wishes to prevent vicious inflation. The Ministry of Finance, according to the "Kokumin," plans to enforce a compulsory savings system in about 95,000 munitions factories throughout Japan. This will be done by deduction of fixed amounts from the wage-envelopes of employees and labourers whose wages show increases compared with the rates of pay prevailing before the outbreak of hostilities in China.—Reuter.

Barcombe Mills—a Sussex beauty spot mentioned in the Domesday Book—have been burned down. The building which spans the river Ouse, was about 100 years old, and was built largely of timber. About six years ago the mills were turned into a button factory. As a result of the fire about 50 people are thrown out of work.

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THE SPORTS PAGE

World of Sport at Home

Preparations for Olympic Games; Finland Leads All in Enthusiasm; Prospects

By Athenian

London, Apr. 1.

PREPARATIONS for the Olympic Games at Helsinki next year are going well, I hear. Set with the task of doing in two years what others have been able to spread over twice that time, the Finns have made such progress that they propose to hold a "dress rehearsal" in August.

Two kilometres from the Olympic Stadium an Olympic Village is arising. Here many of the world's athletes will be housed during the summer of 1940. At least 30 three-storied houses are being built, and though the apartments will be small no effort is to be spared to make them comfortable. Local police, postmen, taxi-drivers, tram conductors, railway staff and shop assistants are busy studying English, Swedish and German.

No country in the world surpasses Finland in enthusiasm for athletics. The number of tickets available for Finns was nearly one million, but many more could have been sold, though the population of the country is under 4 million.

English athletes who are expecting to compete at Helsinki are hoping to meet there old and new friends from the Dominions. They are watching with particular interest just now the careers of a number of overseas athletes, including D. B. Dunn and Athol Stubbs of Sydney, both of whom are promising candidates for Olympic honours.

I am told that Dunn is the fastest human in Australia. His recent performances have certainly been impressive and suggest that in another year he might well be breaking world records, particularly in the 100 yards and the broad jump.

English walkers are wondering how Stubbs will fare when he attempts longer distances than the mile, for which he has just set up a world record though nothing under two miles, of course, is recognised for a walking record by the International Federation. Can this 28-year-old Sydney business man, who walked a mile in 6 minutes 18.2 seconds, beat the record of the Norwegian, Edgar Brunn, in the 10,000 metres? We may not have long to wait for the answer.

Dower's Tennis Proposal

Further to my note about foot-faulting in lawn tennis, and the efforts of the Lawn Tennis Association to find a satisfactory amendment to a thoroughly disliked rule, I was interested to hear the suggestion made in this connection by that famous all-round sportsman, K.C. Gandar Dower.

He would abolish the foot-fault, and substitute a "foot-let" with, of course, the same consequences as an ordinary let. Umpires, it is claimed, would be more willing to enforce such a rule. The proposal, which has met with the approval of a number of ranked players and officials, seems to me a simple yet practical solution to the problem.

Rowing and Cricket Blues

The distribution of rowing blues at Oxford and Cambridge prompts me to ask an old question, which I have never yet heard satisfactorily answered: why is it that so few Boat Race men gain cricket blues? Men have played rugby or soccer for their university and added to that distinction by appearing at Lords, but/the history/in of varsity sport there have been very few oarsmen-cricketers among the double blues.

Gandar Dower collected several blues and half-blues at Cambridge, excelling at practically every sport except golf, but he failed to pull off this particular double. I can recall only one man in recent times who has achieved the honour—D. C. Collins, a New Zealander. He played cricket for Cambridge in 1910 and 1911, and was in the Light Blue boat that sunk in the race of 1912. Who will be the next Varsity man to achieve this rare double honour?

Do We Want Scientific Boxing?

Is boxing an entertainment or a sport? I am prompted to ask this question after reading the criticisms of Len Harvey's fight with Larry Gains, when the Englishman won the Empire Heavyweight championship. Harvey's display was almost unanimously described as disappointing, a slow-motion affair devoid of thrills.

Harvey is a wily old campaigner who plans his tactics according to his opponent, realising that a technique successful against one man might be disastrous against another. Eddie Phillips offered him a stand-up fight, and Harvey fought back. Gains was all caution and defence, and the champion responded with ca'canny display that bored most of the spectators. But in both instances he won.

The truth is that this holder of three titles is a scientific boxer, and many of those who watch boxing today prefer sensation to science. Boxing is sport, but like most sports it is also a show. Customers may be wrong to demand excitement before everything else, but it is the customers who call the tune.

Unconventional Wolves

For many weeks Wolverhampton Wanderers have been favourites for the Football Association Cup. Lately their success has been so much taken for granted that bookmakers have refused to accept bets on the Wolves' chances. Much has been written about this team's experiments with gland treatment, but if they win the reasons will not only be medical.

Maj. Buckley, the manager, has more than one revolutionary idea regarding the training of footballers. In particular he deprecates any suggestion that special preparations are necessary for big matches. No matter how important the event the players invariably arrive on the ground on the morning of the game and not the night before, as is the usual practice. The men carry on with their normal routine as if preparing for ordinary matches.

This is in striking contrast to the traditional methods—a week at the seaside, golf and almost anything except football, elaborate coddling in the last few days, and so on. All this is psychologically bad, says Major Buckley, who thinks every game should be treated as just a job of work. If Wolves win, perhaps others will adopt this common-sense attitude.

Corinthians' Next Tour

On their last world football tour the Islington Corinthians played three games of cricket and won them all. Encouraged by this success they have decided to play more cricket, and regular fixtures have been arranged for the coming English season. It is to be hoped that they will not develop too great an enthusiasm for cricket, however, as in June they are booked for a trip, to Iceland to play football, and those in all parts of the world who have watched these London amateurs will not want them to forsake their first love. Already the Islington Corinthians are planning their next world tour which, I am told, is likely to be even more ambitious than the last. It is expected to last 7 months and the itinerary will probably include Egypt, India, Burma, Malaya, Hongkong, Philippines, Australia, New Zealand and West Indies.

New Timing Clock For Racing

Simple Device Said to Be Able to Eliminate Errors in Future

New York, Apr. 23.

The long debated "angle" question and fractional timing of horses will be a matter of record if a new camera and electric timing device recently perfected is adopted at American race tracks.

The camera, invented by Harry D. Beloch, for the past 20 years a moving picture photographer, has had its first official showing before newspapermen and racetrack officials and is expected to be placed in operation at eastern tracks this summer.

The device, amazingly simple despite its involved electrical adaptations, is the result of the use of a new scanning process and of film moving at the precise speed and the same direction of the horses and eliminates the possibility of two horses finishing as a team unless an actual dead heat occurs, according to the inventor.

The camera begins to take a continuous photograph only when the nose of a horse is on the wire and will not photograph a horse which has not reached the finishing line. In the photograph of the finish of a race the camera shows the exact distance between the horses it photographed from the standpoint of time in the form of space.

Sun Rays Eliminated

The visual electric timing system is operated entirely by the use of electrical forces. It is so designed as to eliminate the effect of rays of the sun and reflected light, which have at times seriously impaired the usefulness of other timing systems.

The system contains five electrically controlled clocks to time the leading horses at the various poles and at the finish.

Each clock is connected with a bank of five lights, which are labelled quarter mile, half mile, three-quarter mile, mile and finish, on which the time for such distances is recorded. Light beams are set up across the track at every sixteenth pole and at the finish. The system starts operation when the starter pushes a putton as the horses are off.

The camera and timing systems are equally useful in photographing and timing any type of a race on the ground over a fixed course, the inventor asserted. The camera will always show the exact order of finish of a race and is expected to eliminate the many disputes which occur when the timing is made by stop watches.—United Press.

Kho Sin-Kie Wins Rome Tennis Singles

Rome, Apr. 24.

The best player at the international tennis tournament that ended here yesterday was the Chinese Kho Sin-kie, who won the final round of the men's singles against the Rumanian Tanasescu 3-6, 6-0, 6-2, 6-3.

In the doubles, Kho Sin-kie was not supported strongly enough by the Italian de Stefani, so that the Italian team Vidocu and Celli won 6-4, 1-6, 6-3, 11-9.—Trans-Ocean.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Winner of Jumping Contest

H. D. Rodger on his handsome Nok Nok winning the single jumping competition in the Club Hippique's Gymkhana on Sunday.

Navy Y.M.C.A. Leading In Volleyball League

2nd. Bn. U.S. Marines Head Second Section

Two important matches in the Second Division of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. Invitation Volleyball League were played off last Saturday evening. The Second Battalion U.S. Marines defeated Hazelwood to remain the only unbeaten team in Section II. The service men triumphed in two straight sets by scores of 15-5.

The Marines jumped into an early lead, showing far better teamwork and offensive measures. The "Ice Cream" team were kept on the defensive most of the time.

Fong Kong "B" suffered their first setback at the hands of the Woo Brothers in a Section I contest, losing by a surprise score of 15-6 and 15-3. The defeat gave the Russian Club "B" leadership, with a record of five straight victories.

Saturday's programme included a third match in which the Blue Blacks trimmed Iron by two 15-10 tallies.

League Standings

First Division

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Navy Y.M.C.A.	5	0	1,000
Foreign Y.M.C.A.	3	1	750
Russian Regiment	4	1	800
Fong Kong "A"	2	2	500
Russian Club	1	4	200
Paramount	0	5	000

Second Division

Section I

Russian Club "B"	5	0	1,000
Giants	4	1	800
Fong Kong "B"	4	1	800
Blue Black	4	1	800
Woo Brotners	4	2	667
Iron	2	4	333
1st Bn. Marines	2	4	333
Menora	1	4	200
Riverside	1	5	167
Aurora	1	5	167
S.F.X.	0	4	000

Section II

2nd Bn. Marines	5	0	1,000
Hazelwood	4	1	800
White	4	1	800
Sokol	3	2	600
Twenty-seventh	2	2	500
Betar	2	3	400
Italian Navy	1	3	250
Banker's Association	1	4	200
St. John's M.S.	0	4	200
Lo Kwang	0	4	000

Danish Girl Holds 15 World Records

Copenhagen, Apr. 24.

A new world record in crawl stroke was established yesterday by the Danish girl swimming champion, Ragnhild Hveger, who covered the distance of 220 yards in 2 min. 22.6 secs., thus improving the existing record held by the Netherlands girl swimmer, Willie den Ouden, by five whole seconds.

The Danish champion, who is only 18 years old, now holds 15 out of 16 world records open to women swimmers.—Trans-Ocean.

King, Queen to Watch Race in Ontario

Invitation to Canada's Major Turf Event

Toronto, Apr. 23.

The King and Queen, it was announced by the Ontario Jockey Club today, have accepted an invitation to watch the running of the King's Plate—Canada's major turf event—which opens the horse-racing season, at Woodbine Park, Toronto, on May 22.

The race was first run in 1860, and is over a-mile-and-a-furlong course. It is open to three and four years-old belonging to British subjects resident in Ontario.

Entrants must have been foaled, raised and trained in the province, and never have been out of Ontario for more than three months.—Reuter.

Miller Triumphs

Caracas, Venez, Apr. 23.

Freddie Miller, of Cincinnati former world featherweight champion, won a ten-round decision today over Enrique Chaffardet, of Venezuela.

Miller weighed 123 pounds and Chaffaroet 126.—United Press.

Netherlands Defeat Belgium at Soccer

Amsterdam, Apr. 24.

The Netherlands and Belgian national football teams played a very well-balanced game at the Olympic Stadium yesterday before a crowd of 55,000 spectators. The Netherlands team won a narrow victory by 3-2. At half time the score was 1-1, but at the very last minute Holland scored the winning point.—Trans-Ocean.

Marathon Runs in Near Future

Training Races for Next Olympic Games; Also to Raise Charity Fund

A large and ambitious programme of cross-country running is to be undertaken by the Hongkew Cross-Country Club, one of the leading Chinese sporting Clubs in China. The purpose of this important event is twofold. The first and foremost is to get together the best Chinese team of marathon runners to represent China in the next Olympics Games and the second, to raise funds for local charities.

Training is already in progress and will stretch over a period of one year, duing which time four big meets will be staged.

The first of the four marathon meets will be run off on May 24, 1939, the distance being 13 miles. After this race about 15 silver cups that will be presented will be auctioned to the public, and the money raised will be distributed to the various local Red-Cross societies. Prizes for the following meets will be kept by the winners. September 17, 1939, will see the second race consisting of 17 miles run off. The third meet will take place on December 24, 1939, which will cover the distance of 21 miles. Olympic standards are anticipated by the time the last meet will be staged. This date is due on March 24, 1940, and will be over a distance of 26 miles, 385 yards.

Among the candidates in training is T. L. Wong, representative of China in the last Games. With him are stated to be several more top-notchers about his standard. Entries are now opened to all cross-country enthusiasts and are free. Interested runners, both foreign and Chinese, are to send in the names to captain Y. T. Ziang, 815 Avenue Road, by registered mail. The closing date for entries is on April 30.

Nova Warns Baer

New York, Apr. 23.

Young Lou Nova issued a warning to Maxie Baer today to fight clean in their heavyweight contenders bout on June 1 or suffer the consequences.

Lou, who arrived over the week-end to begin training, said he had been informed reliably that Baer intended to win on June 1 by fair means or foul.

Accordingly, the handsome Alameda Adonis said, "If Maxie makes one unethical move in the ring, I will really give him the works and I know quite a few tricks because I used to be a football player. I'm tired of being a polite pugilist."—United Press.

Sanchez Wins Philippine Tennis Title

Manila, Apr. 23.

Amado Sanchez today won the national tennis championship, defeating the former champion, Leonardo Gavia, 2-6, 6-1, 8-6, 6-2.

Sanchez and Gavia were ranked jointly last year as No. 1 among the leading tennis players of the Philippines.—United Press.

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"Schoolboy" Rowe Returns to Form for Detroit

Cleveland Indians Blanked in League Baseball; Yankees Take Revenge on Washington Senators

New York, Apr, 23.

THERE was jubilation in the camp of the Detroit Tigers today, for "Schoolboy" Rowe, who pitched the Tigers to baseball pennants in 1934 and 1935, was making a comeback.

Back in the Major Leagues after a year with Beaumont in the Texas League, Rowe today turned in a four-hit mound performance and blanked the Cleveland Indians, 8-0.

Rowe's pitching arm appeared fully recovered from the mysterious ailment that put him out of action after four great years with the Tigers. His overhand throws had most of their old-time zip, and Detroit's pennant hopes went a little higher as he retired each batter.

Catcher George Tebbetts and Outfielder Pete Fox provided Rowe with most of his batting support. Each got three hits.

After the game, the Indians management announced it had obtained Luke Sewell from Brooklyn to work as catcher in place of Rollie Hemsley, who strained his side in Saturday's game. Sewell was with the Indians from 1921 to 1932, after which he played with Washington and Chicago before going to the National League on waivers.

Yankees Beat Senators

The New York Yankees moved to the head of the American League standings with a 7-4 victory over Washington. The Yankees tallied three runs in the fourth innings, including a home run by Joe Gordon with one man on base.

Six runs in the eighth innings, gave the Philadelphia Athletics a 12-8 triumph over Boston. Five hits, two walks and an error accounted for the scoring spree. Rookie Ted Williams, who batted .366 for Minneapolis in the American Association last season, got a home run for the Red Sox.

A nineteen-hit batting spree accounted for Chicagos 17-4 victory over the St. Louis Browns. The White Sox scored five runs in the sixth, their biggest innings.

The Cincinnati Reds took over joint leadership of the National League. Behind Bill Walter's six-hit pitching, the Reds handed Pittsburgh a 7-2 beating.

Three runs in the fourth innings put the Reds in the lead. Wally Berger homered for the Reds and Wilbur Brubaker for the Pirates.

Cube Beat Cards

The Cubs defeated the St. Louis Cardinals, 6-5, driving Paul Dean to the showers with a four-run attack in the fourth innings.

Joe Marty homered for the winners and Joe Medwick got a four-base blow for the Cardinals. Catcher Harry Danning paced the New York Giants to a 4-2 victory over Boston. Danning collected a double and two singles.

Little Emmett Mueller's twelfth-innings single with the bases loaded gave the Philadelphia Phillies a victory over Brooklyn, 5-4. The Dodgers got eleven hits, including homers by Dolph Camilli and "Pooh-Em-Up" Tony Lazzari, but were unable to bunch their blows.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn *	4	11	4
Philadelphia	5	7	1

Batteries: Wyatt, Casey and Phelps, Todd; Muicahy, Smith, Beck and Davis.

Pittsburgh	2	6	0
Cincinnati	7	12	2

Batteries: Klinger, Swift, Heintzelman and Mueller; Walters and Lombardi.

Chicago	6	10	3
St. Louis	5	8	3

Batteries: Bryant and Mancuso; P. Dean, Bowman, Shoun and Davis, McGee.

Boston	2	7	2
New York	4	12	1

Batteries: Turner and Sullivan; Gumbert and Danning.

*—12 innings.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York	7	12	0
Washington	4	9	2

Batteries: Sundra and Dickey; Chase Alexander and R. Ferrell.

St. Louis	4	9	1
Chicago	17	19	2

Batteries: Marcum, Trotter, Pyle, Cole and Sullivan; Lyons, Rigney and Silvestri.

Philadelphia	12	11	2
Boston	8	12	1

Batteries: Thomas; D. Smith; Pippen, E. Smith, Parmelee and Hayes; Anker, Gailhouse, Ostermueller, Heaving, Dickman and Desantils.

Detroit	8	15	0
Cleveland	0	4	1

Batteries: Rowe and Tebretts; Harder, Zuber, Nulnar and Pytlak.

League Tables

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chicago	2	1	.667
Cincinnati	2	1	.667
Boston	3	2	.600
New York	3	2	.600
St. Louis	2	2	.500
Philadelphia	2	2	.500
Pittsburgh	1	3	.250
Brooklyn	1	3	.250

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	3	1	.750
Cleveland	2	1	.667
Detroit	3	2	.600
St. Louis	1	1	.500
Boston	2	2	.500
Philadelphia	2	2	.500
Washington	1	3	.250
Chicago	1	3	.250

—United Press.

Inter-Scholastic Sports Meeting

Shanghai American School Trim S. F. X. Collegians

Warming up for the forthcoming Shanghai Inter-Scholastic Track and Field Meeting, the Shanghai American and the St. Francis Xavier's College held a duel competition yesterday. The American athletes defeated their opponents, of 61 to 41, in eleven events.

The winners scored heavily in the field contests and gained all the five first places. On the track the two Edwards brothers excelled in the short distances and garnered most of the college team's points. Francis, the elder Edwards, won the 100 yards but was beaten by Cecil in the 220 yards. Both helped their team to dispose of the S.A.S. in the mile relay, tying the S.A.S. record of 1 min. and 37 sec.

Bucky Freeman scored three victories in the field events and became the highest individual scorer. He won the shot put, long jump and hop step and jump in convincing style. F. Edwards, with one first and two seconds, was the second best individual performer. C. Edwards finished third, with one first and one second.

Results of the Meeting

Complete results were:—

TRACK EVENTS

100 yards:—1, F. Edwards (S.F.X.); 2, C. Edwards (S.F.X.); 3, O. Hipps (S.A.S.). Time:—10.4 sec.

800 yards:—1, T. Belknapp (S.A.S.); 2, Allgood (S.A.S.); 3, M. Turner (S.A.S.). Time:—2 min. 20 sec.

120 yards low hurdles:—1, Hale (S.A.S.); 2, McCallon (S.A.S.); 3, Vera (S.F.X.). Time:—16 sec.

440 yards:—1, L. L. Jorgensen (S.A.S.); 2, Volkoff (S.F.X.); 3, K. Damsgard (S.A.S.). Time:—57 sec.

Mile:—1, Beresin (S.F.X.); 2, Terry (S.A.S.); 3, Grekaloff (S.F.X.). Time:—5 min. 47.5 sec.

220 yards:—1, C. Edwards (S.F.X.); 2, F. Edwards (S.F.X.); 3, O. Hipps (S.A.S.). Time:—23.4 sec.

Mile relay:—1, S.F.X. (Bronlow, F. Edwards, Rodionoff, C. Edwards); 2, S.A.S. (Jorgensen, Harks, Freeman, Hipps). Time:—1 min. 37 sec.

FIELD EVENTS

High jump:—1, Moy (S.A.S.); 2, Stamps (S.A.S.); 3, McCallon (S.A.S.). Height:—5 ft. 8 in.

Shot put:—1, Freeman (S.A.S.); 2, F. Edwards (S.F.X.); 3, J. Thompson (S.A.S.). Distance:—40 ft. 7½ in.

Long jump:—1, Freeman (S.A.S.); 2, Hale (S.A.S.); 3, Gonsalves (S.F.X.) and Berradas (S.F.X.). Distance:—19 ft. ½ in.

Hop step and jump:—1, Freeman (S.A.S.); 2, Gonsalves (S.F.X.); 3, Hale (S.A.S.). Distance:—40 ft. ½ in.

Ten Pins League Finals

The play-off for the two winners in the Hardwood and Softwood Sections of the Commercial Ten Pins League will be held on Tuesday evenings at the American Club between the First Battalion U.S. Marines and the Exporters.

The match will be seven games and the winner of four or more will be the champions. Three games will be played on the first evening and the balance on the second.

Corporal Freddie Cushman of the Second Battalion U.S. Marines has established a new record for individual average in local league competitions with 184.1/21, breaking the former mark of 184 held jointly by P. O. Dunne in 1931 and D. W. O'Neill in 1934.

Team Standings

HARDWOOD SECTION

	Won	Lost	Pct.
1st Batt. U.S.M.C.	17	4	.810
Lawyers-Auditors	15	6	.714
Insurance	13	8	.619
Texaco	9	12	.429
"Y" Secretaries	7	11	.389
Automobiles	6	12	.333
Brokers	5	10	
Banks	6	15	.286

SOFTWOOD SECTION

Exporters	17	4	.810
2nd Batt. U.S.M.C.	16	5	.762
Accountant	12	9	.571
Yee Tsoong	10	11	.476
Headquarters U.S.M.C.	10	11	.476
Chemicals	7	14	.333
Post-Mercury	7	14	.333
Telephones	5	16	.238

II. LEAGUE RECORDS

Individual Single, Bernard	234
Individual Triple, Deegan	635
Individual Average, Cushman	184 1/21
Team Single, Yee Tsoong	964
Team Triple, 2nd Batt. U.S.M.C.	2679

Germany's Withdrawal From U.S. Boxing

Berlin, Apr. 24.

Germany's decision to withdraw from the Europe *v.* America boxing tourney to be held in Chicago is given considerable prominence in today's sports papers.

The decision to withdraw, it is stated, was taken prior to Saturday's meeting in Dublin of the International Amateur Boxing Federation.

The fact that Poland will also not take part in the Chicago events—this as a protest against the decisions which eliminated the Polish boxers Czortek and Szymura from the final round of the European amateur championships—is seen here as depriving Europe of any chance of winning the tourney.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S.C. Wins Swim Honours

Los Angeles, Apr. 23.

The University of Southern California swimming team today won the Southern division of the Pacific division of the Pacific Coast Conference Championship by amassing 70 points to 50 for Stanford, 29 for California and 15 for the University of California at Los Angeles.—United Press.

Hundred Bullseyes in Forty Seconds

Redwood City, Cal., Apr. 23.

When it comes to real sportsmanship, Capt. E. F. Cassell, of San Mateo's highway patrol, thinks that the golfer's hole-in-one is too obvious. Cassell shot a perfect time-fire score of 100 in pistol target practice. His score was 100 .38 bullets in the bullseye in 40 seconds.—United Press.

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British Mission Bombed

Chungking, Apr. 24.

A British mission at Tsingchow, in South Shansi, was "apparently deliberately bombed by Japanese aeroplanes" on April 4, according to belated reports received here today. There was no casualties.—Reuter.

Japanese Claim S. China Advances

Chinese Offensive Said Begun and Lost; Minor C. China Engagements

It is a matter of wonder to the Japanese military authorities that London reports concerning the alleged surrounding by Chinese forces of Canton and other South China cities, should receive so much credence, according to the military spokesman at yesterday's press conference, who emphasized that the Japanese command had the situation in South China well in hand and was gradually extending its operations. The Chungking announcement that 70 strategic towns and 500 villages had been occupied by Chinese troops was incorrect, the spokesman went on to say, although he admitted that several unimportant villages in South China had been vacated by Japanese troops, either for strategical reasons or for purposes of straightening the front. These measures, he added, were necessary in view of the numerical superiority of the Chinese forces which required the Japanese to hold the front with a minimum number of men.

In Central China, the spokesman went on to say, a few minor engagements have taken place south of Nanchang and West of Kavan and heavy Chinese troop concentrations had been observed on the west bank of the Han River.

In referring to the Chinese "April Offensive," which the spokesman in Chungking referred to as not having commenced as yet, the spokesman said that from past records of the reverses suffered by the Chinese forces, it is obvious that the offensive has not only been launched but also lost and would probably terminate with the end of the month.

Japanese Morale Praised

Whilst not denying that the morale of the Chinese was good, the military spokesman claimed that the Japanese morale was much better and that he had met a soldier the other day who had been under his orders some 16 years ago and who told him that, whereas in the barracks in Japan the average Japanese soldier felt that he could cope with ten Chinese warriors, the soldier had actually made the experience that in the field, each Japanese soldier could hold his own against 100 Chinese. "Just a question of zeros," the spokesman added, when the correspondents smiled at the soldier's claim.

At this juncture, a correspondent asked what would happen if the Chinese did not concentrate, according to the plan outlined by the spokesman, and asked whether the Japanese had any territorial objectives with which they would have to go ahead even if the Chinese remained scattered. The spokesman replied that there were no territorial but human objectives.

May Offensive Reported Ordered

Tokyo, Apr. 24.

With the Chinese April offensive ending in failure, Gen. Chiang Kai-shek has ordered Chinese forces in Shansi Province to launch another one immediately, a so-called "May offensive," in an attempt to stop the series of military reverses, according to a field dispatch received today from the Shansi front.

The message said Gen. Chiang blamed the troops under warlord Yen Hsi-shan for "sabotage," which caused the failure of the April drive.—Domei.

Chinese Said in Full Retreat

Canton, Apr. 24.

The Japanese officially claim that Chinese troops in the West River delta are in full retreat following a vigorous Japanese onslaught by land and air.

Not a single Chinese soldier, they add, is within a 40-mile radius of Canton.—Reuter.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi on War

"Peaceful Settlement of Far Eastern Dispute Within One Year," Says Chinese Ambassador to London

London, Apr. 24.

MR. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador in London, speaking before the Manchester China Relief Committee meeting today, expressed the thought that in another year's time, whether there was an international war or not, "we will see signs of a peaceful settlement in the Far East."

Influences contributing to this settlement, he continued, were the heartening fact that European nations were beginning to resist aggression—as indicated by President Roosevelt's sending of the American Fleet to the Pacific—and the promise of Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, that China would be kept in mind in forming a combination of countries to resist aggression.

Another factor, he said, was that the Japanese people, against whom China had no quarrel, were beginning to get weary of war. The Japanese militarists, however, he continued, would not give up their designs of conquest yet. In the meantime, declared the Ambassador, the Chinese people would carry on the light with redoubled energy.

Mr. Gordon Thompson, Secretary of the British China Relief Fund, said that every advance and retreat of the Chinese troops meant more suffering. His appeal for 50,000 field dressings by the end of April has already been met. Manchester contributed 17,000 of this amount. Mr. Gordon Thompson has appealed for another 50,000 field dressings.—Reuter.

Foochow Bombed By Japanese

Swatow, Apr. 24.

Foreign property in Foochow was damaged as a result of a Japanese raid on Friday, according to reports received here today.

A German godown is said to have been razed; an American hospital, which was flying its national flag, was bombed, while the Customs House was damaged. Missiles fell near the property of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., the force of the explosions shattering the windows.

Four foreign steamships—Seistan (British), the Sandviken (Norwegian), the Prosper (Norwegian) and a Greek vessel—were boarded by the Japanese at Sharp Peak last week.

The British destroyer Scout (905-tons) placed armed guards aboard the Seistan, thereby preventing her removal, but the Prosper was taken to Formosa.—Reuter.

Chungking, Apr. 24.

Chinese troops on the night of April 22 launched a surprise attack against Japanese troops at Tungshan, on the Wuchang-Changsha highway, near the Hupeh-Hunan border, capturing the town of Tungshan at dawn yesterday, according to a field dispatch received here today.

The Japanese, it states, are retreating westward towards Nanlingchiao, blowing up the highway and bridges to impede the Chinese pursuit.

Meanwhile, it adds, another Chinese column is pushing northward towards Nanlingchiao to effect junction with a detachment pushing westward from Tungshan.

The Chinese press this morning gave prominence to reports of Chinese successes on the Kiangsi front which claim that the detachments which recaptured Kaoan yesterday continued to advance eastward along the highway in the direction of Nanchang.

The detachments, according to the Chinese reports, captured at noon on the same day, Tsiangfukwan and Wanshoukung, reaching the outskirts of Nanchang.

A Chinese field dispatch received here states that Chinese troops entered Kaoan at 6.30 a.m. yesterday and completely occupied the town after two hours of street fighting with the Japanese, who retreated to the northeast.

It is claimed that in the engagement, the Japanese left behind 200 dead, 17 light and heavy machine-guns and 60 rifles.—Reuter.

Shansi Railway Protected

Yuncheng, Shansi, Apr. 24.

Chinese attempts to destroy the Tatung-Puchow railway at Wangtung village ten kilometres northwest of Yungcheng, last Saturday, were frustrated by Japanese forces in a six-hour combat, a belated field dispatch reaching here today said. Chinese troops fled to the mountains to the north.

The Japanese units engaged in this action, the reports revealed, launched a pincer drive from the north and the south against more than 1,000 troops of the Eighth Chinese Division and the Independent 76th Brigade at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Assisted by an artillery barrage, the Japanese forces succeeded in dislodging the Chinese after a six-hour engagement, inflicting heavy losses upon the Chinese, who abandoned 200 dead, according to the report.—Domei.

Chinese Losses Heavy

Tsinan, Apr. 24.

Chinese casualties numbered 3,009 dead as a result of Japanese counter-attacks during the Chinese "April Offensive" from April 9 to 15 in areas along the Lunghai and Tientsin-Pukow Railways, it was reported here today. Thirty-four prisoners were taken by the Japanese during the engagements.

Japanese booty included 982 rifles, 55,880 rounds of rifle ammunition, and 2,144 hand grenades.—Domei.

Exodus of Chinese from Swatow

Swatow, Apr. 24.

Rumours of concentrations of Japanese ships and troops in Formosa, presumably reinforcements for the Canton delta, have caused the Chinese population here during the past few days to leave the city in large numbers. The exodus is still continuing. The city on the whole, however, remains calm.

The British destroyer Thanet and an American warship are at present in Swatow.—Reuter.

Bomb Hurled During Show in Hankow

Many Killed and Wounded While in Theatre

Hankow, Apr. 24.

Many persons were killed and seriously injured last night when a bomb was thrown at the stage during an entertainment held in the refugee zone here under the suspices of the "Wu Han Pao," a Japanese-controlled newspaper. The entertainment was in celebration of the inauguration of the new Wuhan Municipality.

Although the exact number killed is not known, 44 seriously injured persons were rushed to the Metholist hospital. Three of these died on the way, while four others later succumbed at the hospital.—Reuter.

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ENGAGEMENT

COOK—YARON.—The engagement has been announced of Miss Lydia Yaron and Mr. Robert Cook, both of Shanghai.

DEATH

ROSENFELD.—On April 24, 1939, at Shanghai. Joel Rosenfeld, aged 32 years. Dearly-beloved husband of Luba Strok and father of Liane Rosenfeld. The cortege will leave from the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road, tomorrow, Wednesday, April 26th at 11.30 a.m. for the Jewish Cemetery, 724 Baikal Road, where burial services will be held at 12.15 p.m.

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A RECENT PLAY

The remarks of the dramatic critic concerning the latest production by the Amateur Dramatic Club of Shanghai,—"Room for Two,"—have aroused quite a deal of discussion, and opinion seems to be fairly sharply divided between those who favour the presentation of such plays, and those who definitely condemn it. The latter appear to have been getting the better of the argument. It is, perhaps, just as well briefly to recall the substance of the plot. Two married couples are friends. One husband seems to be a well-conducted man; the second is in adulterous relationship with the former's wife. The wife of the second, apparently up to that time properly behaved, meets in the home of her friend the day before the action of the play commences a young man who "falls for her" to such an extent, that when he learns she is proceeding to Venice, without a maid, disguises himself as one, his deception being assisted by the fact that he has purloined the very shortsighted husband's spectacles. Why a husband who could afford to take his wife to Venice for a holiday, and write a £250 cheque for his mistress only possessed one pair of spectacles, or could not purchase another pair is not quite clear, but this improbability is necessary to the perfection of the farce. Thus the shortsighted husband, with a wife who lends herself to the fantastic impersonation of the maid by her lover, arrive in Venice, to find that the husband's paramour, whose destination in the first act was to have been Baden, has already turned up. The manœuvres whereby the shortsighted husband arranges to visit his lady friend that night, and the "lady's maid" manages to sleep in the same room with "her" mistress is all part of the beginning of the second act, whereupon the young woman effectively arrayed in a night-gown spends the remainder of the act endeavouring to induce her lover to get into bed with her. He,—the modern Galahad,—first endeavours to silence her opportunings by giving her a sleeping-draught, and when she refuses to drink it all quaffs it himself and finds refuge from temptation in sleep. The third act reveals the state of the four's affections, divorces and remarriages are arranged and the glorification of adultery reached. The action is carried on a clever series of double entendres.

It may seem somewhat unfair to put the story just as tersely as that, but deprived of glamorous settings and effective dresses, negligee and otherwise, that is the gist of the play. It has no moral, or if it has, it must be that nothing succeeds like adultery, and is consequently an immoral play. It may be argued that because Lord Chamberlain has passed it for stage production and because it had a good run in London, that it is a perfectly suitable work to be produced in Shanghai, that if people do not care for this type of play it is easy for them to stay away, and that as the performance was a financial success it is obviously the sort of production which Shanghai wants. The answer to those arguments seems easy enough. The Lord Chamberlain is not infallible, though of recent years he seems to have been more liberal than formerly. While it is true that the play was a big success in London, it has to be remembered that it was played by professionals and not by amateurs, and because of that what is suitable for a place like London may not be fit for Shanghai production. In the former city there are enough theatres for those who do not care for this sort of thing to find their entertainment elsewhere. That is not entirely true of Shanghai, and selectors of plays in this city for that reason need to be all the more careful of the fare they seek to provide for the lovers of the legitimate stage. The argument concerning box office receipts is not good; at the very best it is a mercenary one which should not be applied in the case of a club whose *raison d'être* should, obviously, be a cultural one. The financial aspect of the matter is not to be decided upon the results of one production, for surely there is the danger that those who found the production of "Room for Two" unpleasing, may refrain from attending future presentations, and if it gets generally to be believed that the policy of a club is to produce increasingly *risqué* plays immediate profits may eventually be transformed into future losses.

There are still large numbers of people in the world who have some sort of respect for the ideals of married life, who find no amusement in the presentation of immoralities which are better discussed in the purlieus of the divorce courts than retailed for the passing amusement of the unthinking. For such people plays of this type leave a nasty taste in the mouth; it is impossible that they should do otherwise. The question naturally arises as to whether there are not other, and more suitable plays from which amateur productions could be chosen. To that there can be but one answer, and that is that the A.D.C. has by no means exhausted the rich treasures which have been piled up during the long history of the theatre. And if they had, are not some of those old plays well worth the reviving? It may as well be admitted at once that amateur dramatic clubs do have considerable difficulty in selecting plays owing to the fact that it is not always easy to secure an adequate cast for presenting them. That is particularly true of a place like Shanghai where the amount of talent is very restricted, but even then every endeavour should be made to avoid plays which throw a glamour over human failings, which those who know realize look very sordid,—as they should,—when dealt with the divorce courts. There is enough of evil in life without seeking to wrest amusement from it on the stage or screen, and yet that is precisely what plays of this type in fact do. If it is sought to justify productions of this nature under the cloak of art, let it be emphasized that the garment is a very shoddy one. If they cannot so be justified, they should be left alone. Should that be regarded as an extremely old fashioned view, at least this can be said about it—unless the new modes can produce something very much better they have nothing commendable about them. If they merely justify the production of *risqué* catchpennies the sooner they give place to more ancient standards the better.

Anzac Day

Today is Anzac Day, an anniversary of tragic memory for the Australian and New Zealand peoples but a memory hallowed by a great pride in the effort of the manhood of these two young countries in one of the most memorable campaigns of the Great War. It was in 1915 that the necessity was conceived for opening communications between the Mediterranean and the Black Sea which had been closed by the action of the Ottoman Empire in joining the Central Powers and isolating Russia in the Near East, German naval action having cut her off in the Baltic. It was decided to attempt to force the Dardanelles and the history of a ill-fated but magnificent undertaking started. A large Anglo-French naval force entered the Straits but the naval might mustered could not prevail against the Turkish defences and it was considered impossible to continue without military assistance. An Allied army was assembled, Britain being represented largely by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps—which gave birth to the historic name of Anzac—under the command of General Sir William Birdwood. Landings were made at several points but as far as the Anzacs were concerned arrangements were made for them to make a surprise landing in one body just before dawn on April 25, 1915. The landing was effected and thereafter followed a titanic struggle, with assaults on almost impregnable positions and the famous battle of the ridges where human courage and endurance were tested to the utmost. It was a gallant effort, splendidly conceived but defeated by a combination of circumstances, the principal one being the abortive naval attempt to force the Dardanelles which gave the Turks prior notice and time to prepare. When the force evacuated eight months later, the total Allied losses were 130,000 killed, wounded and missing. The strategical importance of this undertaking has not been denied for it was on this front later in the war that the most successful blows were delivered, but it was a costly attempt redeemed only by the bravery of the men who took part in it and it added to military glory the fame of the Anzacs, whose name will be commemorated today not only in Australia and New Zealand but in Shanghai and other places where their communities are to be found. At this critical juncture in the history of the British Empire great qualities of mind and effort are being mobilized to face another crisis, but one thing remains certain and that is the spirit of the Anzacs of Suvla Beach will not be absent if the final test should come.

Recreation Centres

The annual report and statement of accounts of the British Forces Recreation Centres, one of Shanghai's most intimate contributions to the welfare of the troops which have been sent here to guard the International Settlement, call attention to the need for further support of these much used and very welcome additions to the facilities for enjoyment provided for the British soldier in Shanghai. From the report, it appears that the site in Ferry Road may shortly become unavailable to the committee, owing to the pressing needs of business. But the other centre, that in Jessfield Road, will still be operated, and its uses to the garrison and their families have been so greatly appreciated that any thought of its abandonment must be out of the question. The buildings at the Ferry Road centre, being twelve years old, also call for repairs, and perhaps with its closure, when the coming reduction of the garrison from two battalions to one is taken into consideration, there may be no need to seek any other centre to take its place. By cutting out the services of a caterer the centres have been able to reduce their expenditure considerably, though this has naturally made more work for the committees who have unobtrusively been carrying on the organizations. Some of the activities of the centres are listed in the report. There are weekly whist drives and dances, in addition to special functions at the departure and the arrival of different battalions. Two hundred to three hundred suppers were given at the farewell dances to the Loyal Regiment and the Durham Light Infantry, the welcome to the East Surreys and the Christmas dance. Much of the entertainment at these functions was donated by friends, but there was nonetheless a call upon the funds of the centres which was met from subscriptions. How the functions of the centres have been appreciated is shown from an extract from a letter from the Boys of the Seaforth Highlanders. This extract said:

"Every time we got your invitation, you could see the countenance of every one of us built in smiles, and the 2 p.m. on Thursday could not come fast enough. We all appreciate these outings, because it is a change from barracks, and a jolly good one, and we always look forward to them."

There should be no need to add to such a statement. In itself it is sufficient to recall to the British in Shanghai their duty to continue the support for these organizations that has been forthcoming in the past, in spite of other demands of somewhat similar nature.

A Landmark Goes

So London's "The dear old Gaiety" has got to go, according to the latest information by mail. The lessees of the theatre were called upon by the L.C.C., from whom they lease it, to effect a large number of alterations costing about £20,000 which the managers of the theatre could not see their way to do. The licence has been withdrawn and a block of offices will soon adorn that famous site in the Strand which has been the centre of amusement in London for many a long year past. There was no place quite like the Gaiety, no producer to compare with the great George Edwardes. The stage door of the theatre was the most famous in the world, the magnet to young men of fashion and rank, the home of those beauties, as famous for their musical comedy successes as they were for their raids into the peerage. Those were the days when long rows of broughams, and hansoms, and later on the early types of motor cars would wait there for the Gaiety girls, who were the glamorous beauties of their day. George Edwardes had a way with him when controlling them. Mrs. Hilton Philipson, formerly known as Mabel Russell, tells how as a very young girl she went out with some of the others of the Gaiety girls one night. The next morning Edwardes sent for her and informed her quite definitely that he would not have her going out to supper parties at her age. That was that, and she had to refuse all other invitations. The passing of the old theatre will recall such names as those of Gertie Millar, who married the Earl of Dudley, Olive May who became Countess Drogheda, Marie Lohr, still playing in the cinema, George Grossmith, W. H. Berry, and Robert Hale, and that host of others who knew each other almost like a huge family under the parenthood of one of the finest producers of musical comedies of his time. The theatre with its cupola and entrance facing west is soon to go, and another change will come over the Strand which is fast losing that familiar appearance which it had when huge posters announced such shows as "The Toreador" and "Florodora," pieces now so dated that no producer would care to handle them.

IN PARENTHESIS

"Big Shot"

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Well, t'other night Beryl and I are woken up by a noise from downstairs.

"George," says the wife, "it's burglars. Go down and see what's to-do."

So off I go down t'stairs and pop my head round t'parlour door.

And what d'you think I see? Sure enough, there's a couple of burglars breaking open my moneybox. And there, standing beside them, is Lancelot....holding the torch for them.

—Formby in the "Sunday Express."

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Cheetah's Warning

"Debutantes at a sherry party given yesterday were surprised when a fully-grown cheetah roamed round the room without a chain, played with the guests and drank a glass of sherry."—From the news.

A cheetah of my acquaintance said:—

"I am glad to hear that the cheetah mentioned behaved himself, because cheetahs are not fond of sherry and are never at their best at cocktail parties.

"As a matter of fact, we feel as much out of place at a debutantes' cocktail party as a debutante would feel in the jungle. The difference is that while we are courteous enough to drink the sherry we doubt if a debutante would spare our embarrassment by eating a lump of raw antelope.

"We are also very uncomfortable at functions of this kind because we feel repressed. Our natural food is raw meat, and although a debutante may be just a debutante to you she is just a meal to us and obviously looks more appetizing in a low cut frock.

"While we admit that there are some debutantes a starving cheetah wouldn't touch we are nevertheless apt to overcome a natural revulsion after the second sherry and our desire to eat one of them instead of a shrimp on toast is very strong.

"Repressions of this kind are very bad for cheetah and I think it is only fair to warn hostesses that our native courtesy and consideration for the feelings of others cannot always be relied upon if the party goes on after our dinner time."

—Gubbins in the "Sunday Express."

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George Bumbling

(Continuing the brilliant series of articles "men I know," by Mrs. Eliza Miffin, the charwoman with oomph.)

Some men are born to conquer us weak women and some airt.

mr george bumbling the village andy man is one that aint.

as i ave said before in this ere column i like a man who is larlk and sporty with somethink oo the devil in im.

whatever mr bumbling as in im it aint that. surprises and nothink much to say.

mr. bumbling is what I should call a bit of a misery bein rather on the morbid side with no surprises and nothink much to say.

all the same mr bumbling is steady and reliable and would make a good usband for a lady who wasnt too particular.

mr bumbling as bin courtin me on an orf goin on five years an i can say without a word of a lie that never once as my eart beat faster at the sight of im nor ave i felt a thrill at is touch like they do on the pictures.

it aint natural for a lady to be thrilled by the touch of a gentleman who as bin busy with leaky pipes and cisterns all day.

still mr bumbling was useful as a escort to parties an the pictures and i ope m lady readers wont blame me for leadin im on and takin all without given much in return.

a lady is entilled to the omage a gentleman will pay to her beauty and I always maintained an always shall that a squeeze of the and in the pictures is better than nothink to a gentleman admirer though i know some ladies think it is kinder to tell them where they git orf right at the start.

man is always the unter and mr bumbling ad is chance.

i can only say e wasnt much good at untin which is the trouble with a lot of gentlemen.

if mr bumbling as nothink else he as is memories though they aint much.

next week i shall deal with a very different tipe—a proper card and a born unter though married with six children—when i shall write a fearless article called my friend the postman.

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min.	49.0	Max.	66.5
Same date, 1938	Min.	50.5	Max.	60.5

Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min.	45.3	Max.	68.5
Same date, 1938	Min.	49.5	Max.	52.0

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 23rd:—High and rising pressure over China: low and unsteady over Korea and Japan. North-westerly to north-easterly winds along the China Coast. Cloudy and fine weather in the north and in our regions: overcast in the south.

State on the morning of the 24th:—Fine and cloudy weather. South-easterly breezes. High and steady pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine and hazy weather with fresh south-westerly to westerly winds around Shantung. Cloudy to overcast getting variable with mist or rain and south-easterly winds over our regions. Overcast with local mist and north-easterly to easterly winds over the Eastern Sea.—Siccawei Observatory.

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Mediterranean Balance Of Power Restored

British and French Navies Re-assert Former Preponderance; "Normal Special Cruise" from Malta Reported; Axis Challenge Improbable

Washington, Apr. 23.

FRANCO-British naval and political dispositions during the past fortnight have effectively re-established allied preponderance of power in the Mediterranean, naval experts here believed today. A Totalitarian attempt to challenge the superiority of the seas in the early future seems improbable, they thought. The only hope for an Italian success in the Mediterranean, they pointed out, would be through Italy's bombing-plane strength, whose efficacy against modern warships has not been conclusively demonstrated, and the defensive strength of Italy's 121 submarines, most of which are of the most modern type.

The Anglo-French arrangement, under which the French patrol the Mediterranean between Gibraltar and Malta and the British patrol the sea between Malta and the Suez Canal, was regarded by naval authorities here as indicative of the highest degree of technical collaboration.—United Press.

London, Apr. 24.

The British Mediterranean fleet will leave Malta on Wednesday for manœuvres in the Eastern Mediterranean according to this morning press reports.

Taking part in these manœuvres are the first battle squadron without the 29,000-ton battleship Ramillies, the first cruiser squadron without the 9,800-ton Sussex, the 22,500-ton aircraft carrier Glorious with a convoy and the small cruiser Galatea, three destroyer flotillas, the 10,000-ton hospital-ship Maine and a number of auxiliary craft. There are 32 warships in the fleet, including three battleships—the 30,600-ton Warspite, the 31,000-ton each Barham and Malaya. The fleet is commanded by Admiral Sir Dudley Pound.

These extraordinary manœuvres are officially described as "normal special cruise."

The Governor of Gibraltar today issued a decree prohibiting the export from the colony of a number of important articles of food, according to despatches received here, which add that the aim of the decree is to build up an adequate reserve of food in preparation of all possible eventualities.—Trans-Ocean.

Mediterranean Cruise

Malta, Apr. 23.

It is officially announced that several units of the Mediterranean Fleet are leavnig here on Wednesday for a cruise in the Eastern Mediterranean. The vessels affected will be the battleship Ramillies, the cruiser Sussex, the aircraft carrier Glorious and three destroyer flotillas.—Reuter.

Work on Gibraltar Dock

London, Apr. 24.

Questioned in the House of Commons today regarding the widening of No. 1 dock in Gibraltar, Lieutenant-Colonel J. G. Llewellin, the Civil Lord of the Admiralty, stated that all possible steps had already been taken to secure the earliest completion of the work, which was proceeding day and night.—Reuter.

British Navy's Record Strength

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 24.

The keels of twenty new 900-ton escort vessels of an entirely new type will be laid some time in June, writes Mr. Hector Bywater, naval correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," in an article published today.

As large as pre-war destroyers, the vessels will be the fastest, the best armed and the most efficient in their class in any navy. All are due to join the Fleet in a year hence. They will be equally dangerous to hostile aircraft and submarines.

While the Navy's primary need is for escort vessels and destroyers, steady progress, Mr. Bywater continues, is being made with heavier construction.

Warships already built, being built or projected entail a tonnage exceeding 950,000.

Sixten cruisers and 36 destroyers of the older type have been taken in hand for conversion into anti-aircraft and anti-submarine escorts ships.

Eighty New Guns Monthly

Every month, eighty new guns, mainly of the anti-aircraft type, are reaching the Fleet, the production capacity of these weapons having been increased by 600 per cent. since 1936.

For the protection of merchant ships, over 2,000 guns stored in various ports are ready to be mounted in an emergency.

A thousand merchant ships will shortly be equipped to carry these guns through deck stiffening.

"The Navy," Mr. Bywater concludes, "is absolutely relatively stronger than it has been since the Napoleonic wars, barring a period during the Great War when it was overshadowed by the combined armadas of the world."—Reuter.

British Lead for Balkans Bloc

Rumanian, Greek and Turkish Coalition to Offset Axis Sought

London, Apr. 24.

Britain moved to off-set the diplomatic victory of the Totalitarian Powers in Yugoslavia yesterday by concentrating attention upon Rumania in an effort to create a new Balkan alignment. With Yugoslavia preparing to negotiate a friendship pact with Hungary and Bulgaria under the guidance of Germany and Italy, British statesmen began talks today with the Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gregor Gafencu, who arrived here yesterday.

M. Gafencu conferred with Col. Joseph Beck, Polish Foreign Minister, and the German Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, in visits to Warsaw and Berlin before coming to London. He was welcomed at the station here by Viscount Halifax, British Foreign Secretary, the Turkish Ambassador, the Greek Minister and members of the Rumanian Legation. The welcoming party was considered significant because Britain is believed to be aiming at a southern European alignment involving Rumania, Greece and Turkey.

Further British efforts to win Rumania to the Anglo-French "peace front" will be made today when the British financial delegation headed by Sir Frederick Leith-Ross reaches Bucharest.

Friendly Gesture to Reich

Sir Nevile Henderson, British Ambassador to Germany, quietly left for Berlin last night without advance announcement. He will return to his post today after more than a month in England following his recall on March 17 because of Germany's seizure of Czechoslovakia.

His return to Berlin was regarded here as a friendly gesture to Germany before Herr Hitler's reply to President Roosevelt's peace appeal on April 28.

British officials stoutly denied reports that the Ambassador's return to Berlin indicated that the British Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, had returned to his European appeasement policy. The action also should not be regarded as a blow to President Roosevelt's peace appeal to Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini, British authorities emphasized.—United Press.

M. Gafencu Opens Talks

London, Apr. 24.

M. Grigor Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, began his talks this fmorning when he called on Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary. He saw Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, in the House of Commons this afternoon. The Rumanian Minister brought two secretaries with him, but no commercial experts. Trade discussion between Rumania Great Britain, however, will begin in Bucharest on April 25, where the Leith-Ross Mission arrived today. It is not yet known whether M. Gafencu will have conversations with Mr. Oliver Stanley, the President of the Board of Trade. It is understood that a formal meeting has not yet been fixed.

M. Gafencu is expected to report on the progress of Rumanian contacts with Turkey, Poland and the Balkan countries, and the German attitude. Apparently, the tenor of the German argument was that it is quite unnecessary for Rumania to join the anti-aggression bloc, that she has more to fear from joining with Russia than from Germany or Hungary, and that Germany would be prepared to guarantee Rumania's frontiers, as Britain has done, provided Rumania did not make the pact with Britain reciprocal.—Reuter.

Rumania Seeking Trade Accords

British Delegation Now In Bucharest

Berlin, Apr. 24.

A Rumanian trade delegation, headed by the General-Secretary of the Ministry of Economics, M. Marianu arrived here today. The delegation is to examine the question of commercial exchanges between Germany and Rumania.—Havas.

British Delegation

Bucharest, Apr. 24.

The British commercial delegation, headed by Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, Economic Adviser to His Majesty's Government, arrived here at 12.30 p.m. today. The delegation's object is to develop trade exchanges between the two countries.—Havas.

Ex-King of Spain to Get Back Property

Burgos, Apr. 24.

The Government published a decree last night regulating methods by which the administrative authorities of banks will return to former King Alfonso all his former property and private fortune. The act was regarded as another indication that the former King may eventually be returned to his throne by General Francisco Franco.—United Press.

Japan to Issue Book On Nazi Doctrine

Scientific Study of New German Views Available

Tokyo, Apr. 24.

"Various Bases for Nazism, Its Constitution and Its Controlled Economy," in three volumes of 71 chapters, generally considered the essence of the scientific spirit of totalitarian Germany will be translated into Japanese under the sponsorship of the Foreign Office and the Japan-Germany Cultural Society.

Official permission for the translation was granted by the German Government through the German Embassy here on Saturday.—Domei.

New Coalition Cabinet For Australia

Melbourne, Apr. 24.

The new Australian Cabinet includes:—

Premier and Treasurer:—Mr. R. G. Menzies.
Attorney-General, Minister for Industry:—Mr W. M. Hughes.
Minister for Supply, Development:—Mr. R. G. Casey.
Minister for Defence:—Brigadier G. A. Street.
External Affairs:—Sir Henry Gullett.
Minister for Interior:—Mr. H. S. Foll
Health and Social Services:—Sir Frederick Stewart.
Minister for Commerce:—Senator McLeay.
Vice-President of the Executive Council for Civil Aviation and Assistant Defence Minister:—Mr. V. Fairbairn.
Postmaster-General, Repatriation Minister:—Mr. F. J. Harrison.
Minister for Trade and Customs:—Mr. J. N. Lawson.—Reuter.

M.P.s Anxious On Gibraltar Concentration

Mr. Chamberlain Answers Queries On Peace Parleys

London, Apr. 24.

Questioned by several members over the formation of the front of peace-loving countries, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, replied in the House of Commons this morning that the Government were maintaining close contact with other Governments' but he was not yet in a position to add anything to what he had said previously.

Replying to Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, Labour member for the Seaham Division of Durham, the Prime Minister stated that he could not say for sure that his statement on the Anglo-Soviet negotiations will be made in the House before Herr Hitler's speech on April 28.

Mr. Shinwell stressed that such a statement appeared to him desirable as it might influence the German Chancellor's address. Mr. Chamberlain replied, "I do not believe that it is desirable to make a premature statement on the negotiations."

The Prime Miniser refused to reply to any questions referring to the present state of the Anglo-Soviet talks.

Gibraltar Concentrations

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Labour member for the Kingswinford Division of Staffordshire, asked for information regarding the concentration of Spanish troops in the vicinity of Gibraltar.

"According to our information, recent movements of Spanish troops have been the natural consequence of the measures of demobilization taken by the Spanish Government," Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated. "The British Government neither asked nor received an explanation from the Spanish Government on the subject."

Mr. Henderson then asked for the facts on Tangiers.

"The British Government consider the maintenance of the present regime in the Tangiers zone as a matter of great importance," Mr. Butler stated in reply.

Mr. Chamberlain replied in the negative to a question as to whether the British Government had made any representations to Italy in connection with the maintenance of Italian volunteers in Spain despite the end of the hostilities.

"Are steps being taken to remove the apprehension of the Soviet Government as to being left in the lurch in the event of being plunged into a conflict on her Western border?" asked Mr. William Leach, Labour member.

"I said that we are maintaining close contact with them," Mr. Chamberlain replied.

Economic Conscription

Mr. Alfred Edwards, Labour member for East Middlesborough, then asked for assurances from the Government that private wealth would be mobilized in conjunction with the institution of compulsory military service. The Premier replied that he could add nothing to what he had said on April 18.

Mr. Chamberlain then spoke again, this time in reply to Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the Labour Opposition.

"There is no special significance to the return to Berlin of Sir Nevile Henderson," he said. "He made a report and was given a short period of leave which expired after Easter. He went back in the normal course of duty."

Asked whether the return of Sir Nevile meant that the Government accepted the German annexation of Czechoslovakia, Mr. Chamberlain replied: "Certainly not; in no way."

Envoys' Talks in Shanghai

Mr. William Gallacher, the only Communist M.P. in the House, then asked for information as to the subject" of the discussion in Shanghai between the British Ambassadors to China and Japan, and the object of the subsequent visit by the British Ambassador to China to General Chiang Kai-shek."

"The British Ambassador to Japan made the trip to Shanghai with the primary object of taking a short period of local leave," Mr. Butler answered. "He took the opportunity to compare notes on a number of matters of common interest with the British Ambassador to China. The latter paid a regular routine visit to the Chinese headquarters. No special significance need be attached to this."

"Is the Government prepared to make a statement in support of heroic China repelling the Japanese?" Mr. Gallacher asked.

"The attitude of the Government in the matter is well known," Mr. Butler replied.—Havas.

American Naval Visit to Yasakuni Shrine

Officers and crew of the U.S.S. Astoria visit Yasukuni Shrine during the course of a tour of Tokyo. Included in the photograph are, left to right: Captain R. K. Turner, Commander of the Astoria; Captain Kyosuke Mizuno, recently appointed Japanese Naval Attache to Mexico; and Commander Taro Isobe, former Japanese Naval Spokesman in Shanghai.

U.S. Neutrality Development Decision Expected This Week

Pittman "Cash and Carry" Proposal Most Favoured; Britain, France to Be Aided

Washington, Apr. 24.

CONGRESSIONAL circles believed today that this week would yield important developments in the Government's attempt to redefine the United States neutrality policy. Odds appear to favour an act which would tend to aid Britain and France, particularly if Herr Adolf Hitler's reply on Friday to President Roosevelt's recent peace appeal is unfavourable. Three major factors are expected to prove influential in drafting of new neutrality legislation.

Frequency with which expert witnesses before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee argued last week that defence of the Western Hemisphere would be vastly more difficult if Britain and France lost control of the seas; newspaper polls and editorials in the United States indicating that a large majority of American citizens favour permitting the sale of war supplies as well as food to Britain and France in a general war between the Totalitarian and Democratic nations of Europe, and the belief that United States policy is determined mainly in terms of relations with other American nations and the unquestioned acceptance by these nations of President Roosevelt's hemispheric defence programme.

Although Congress is considering a dozen proposals, the "cash and carry" plan of Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is believed to make the best chance of final adoption.

Compromise amendments probably will be reached during secret sessions of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee this week.

If chances for the adoption of Senator Pittman's proposal improve this week, it is believed this would involve strong support of a supplementary bill applying economic pressure against Japan. Such an act, aimed at off-setting advantages which Japan would obtain from the "cash and carry" neutrality plan, would be based on Japan's continued violation of the Nine Power Treaty and other agreements with the United States.

The "cash and carry" clause in the nation's neutrality legislation would be of great advantage to Britain and France because of their control of the Atlantic. The same clause applied to the Pacific, unless compensated by other restrictions would practically deprive China from access to the American market, some members of Congress believe.

U.S. Cabinet Reshuffle

Reports that President Roosevelt contemplates another major Cabinet change today intensified indications that this week may result in important events affecting both the United States domestic and foreign policy. Both the War and Navy Departments have figured in the discussion regarding the Cabinet shifts. An active search, it is understood, is being conducted for the successor to Mr. Claudea Swason, Secretary of the Navy who has been ill for a long time. President Roosevelt would probably find another post for Mr. Swanson, who is a noted political strategist.

President Roosevelt is expected within a few days to send to Congress the first of a series of Government reorganization orders under the terms of the compromise bill permitting transfers of authority among 114 executive agencies. Tax revision conferences will be revived this week at the White House, while the unemployment relief dispute will also be revived if Mr. Roosevelt keeps his recent promise to ask for additional funds within fourteen days.

Republican Attitude

Mr. Joseph W. Martin, Republican minority leader in the House of Representatives, said last night that the Roosevelt Administration is "too much torn by internal conflict to enact a business appeasement programme and demanded that Congress assume the leadership in enacting a twelve-point recovery programme based on keeping the United States out of war.

The other eleven clauses concerned the adoption of new economic and fiscal policies under which taxation rates would be revised, Government spending curtailed and railways rehabilitated.

Mr. Martin, Republican Representative of Massachusetts, recently was chosen by Washington newspaper correspondents as the most efficient man in Congress. He is credited with having organized the scattered Republican minority into a solid opposition party and is being mentioned as possible Republican Presidential candidate in 1940.—United Press.

Japanese Working Day Curtailed

Heavy Industries to Inaugurate Overtime Restriction Rules

Tokyo, Apr. 24.

A maximum working day of twelve hours for males over sixteen years of age will go into effect in Japanese factories in five specific industries on May 1. This is the first attempt made in Japan to regulate the working hours of male labour on a national scale.

The first factories to come under the scope of the new Government Ordinance will be those engaged in the following industries: machinery manufacturing, shipbuilding and railway rolling stock construction, tools and instruments, metallurgy and metal refining.

With the written consent of the local prefectural governor, factory employers may prolong hours or suspend the semi-monthly holidays.

In case of emergencies, such as fires or major accidents, or when Ministries of War or the Navy specifically order hours to be limited, employers may disregard the regulations without making formal application to the prefectural governor.

Even with the required permission, obtainable only in exceptional cases, hours may not be increased by more than seven days in any given month.

1. When it is especially necessary in order to handle such heavy objects as furnaces, boilers, motors or cranes.
2. When it is necessary in order to assure the safety of machinery, to repair facilities, deliver tools or clean the factory and machinery.—Reuter.

Defence Donation

Singapore, Apr. 24.

The Legislative Council today approved of the resolution that the Straits Settlements should contribute a further sum of £1,000,000 for imperial defences.—United Press.

Reich Brings Slovakia into Line But People Show Opposition

Big Demand to Enlist with French Colours; Firm Polish Stand Against Berlin Admired

Bratislava, Apr. 23.

Slovakia is gradually being "brought into line" by the Reich but the process is rousing the strongest reaction among the people who clearly manifest their attitude in their open admiration of Poland's determined stand in the face of German threats.

Their reaction was chiefly responsible for the resignation of M. Karol Sidor, Minister of Interior, who was apparently requested to relinquish his portfolio. M. Sidor has retired to Ruzomberok, historical Slovakian town, where lived and died the late Mgr. Andrej Hlinka, Slovak Autonomist leader.

Since his withdrawal from public affairs, M. Sidor has become a national hero, for he is known for his independent spirit and pro-Polish sympathies.

Distinct indications of the Slovak people's sentiments are to be seen in the number of requests lodged with French Consulates by men who wish to enroll in the French armed forces. A flood of such demands descended on the Consulates after the Strassbourg radio station broadcast an announcement of a decree whereby foreigners long resident in France would be called upon to do military service.

The movement of reaction against German tutelage has reached such proportions that Ministers and Party leaders have made it a point in every public address to criticize "the campaign of whispered propaganda." They take great care to explain at length the reasons for Germany's occupation of Slovakia.

Despite the popular reaction against the Reich's guidance, the Government is continuing the process of bringing Slovakia into line with the Reich's government system.

A definite step in this direction was that taken on April 18, when an anti-Semitic law was adopted. According to this law, to be considered as Jews are all persons of the Israelite faith on October 30, 1918; all persons with one Jewish parent; all persons baptized after October 30, 1918; all persons married to Jews and the issue of such unions.

The number of Jewish lawyers has been limited to four per cent. of the whole Bar, and Jewish attorneys may defend only Jewish clients. No Jews may become journalists.—Havas.

German Lamps for A.R.P. in England

Grimsby, Apr. 23.

Air raid precaution exercises, including blackouts in north Lincolnshire and the East Riding areas of Yorkshire, were cancelled last night when the authorities discovered that 2,000 hurricane lamps supplied by the Home Office were marked, "made in Germany," it was learned today.—United Press.

Astoria Officers, Men Honoured

Capt. Turner Expresses Gratitude for Kindness Shown U.S. Visitors

Tokyo, Apr. 24.

Captain Richmond K. Turner, Commander Paul S. Theiss, and other officers of the U.S.S. Astoria, which recently brought the ashes of the late Mr. Hirosi Saito, former Ambassador in Washington, to Japan, went through a heavy programme of receptions today.

Capt. Turner and Commander Theiss, accompanied by the Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Clark Grew, and the Naval Attache, Capt. Harold M. Bemis, were received in audience by the Emperor this morning.

Later, Capt. Turner and other officers and more than 400 bluejackets of the Astoria attended a national welcome meeting which was given in their honour in Count Okuma Memorial Hall of Waseda University by the National Welcome Committee, presided over by Count Kentaro Kaneko.

Responding to Count Kaneko's toast, Capt. Turner said: "Wherever we have gone, in trains, theatres, and even in the streets we have met smiles and cheering words. Men have stopped us everywhere to thank us for coming to Japan and we have had no opportunity for getting lost or confused because of careful plans that have been worked out to ease our movements through a land where the language and geography are strange to all of us.

Japan's Appreciation

"We well recognize, of course, that we are entirely unworthy of such thoughtful consideration and that it is not intended merely for us. We know that it is the method that your people have taken to give thanks to the American people for sending the Astoria on her solemn mission of transporting on his final voyage home, the ashes of that great and good Japanese diplomat, the late Mr. Hirosi Saito.

"He was known and respected in America as in no other foreign land, and I am sure that my people will be gratified that this admiration for him is fully appreciated by his own people of the great Japanese nation.

"The Astoria was, however, given this great honour of giving concrete expression to our respect for this foreign diplomat. Under these circumstances, and now that our sad duty is over it is our privilege to accept your hospitality and kindness, not in our own name, but in the name of the citizens of the United States, where Mr. Saito spent so many productive years of his life.

Kindness Unforgettable

"Nevertheless, it is indeed pleasant for us to be here and to be beneficiaries of your kind feeling, and I assure you that none of us can ever forget it.

"We will rather look forward with anticipation to future periods of our lives when we may again return to this beautiful land and renew our friendships with its charming inhabitants."

Officers and crew of the Astoria then attended a garden party given on the campus of Waseda University. Capt. Turner and other American officers were guests of honour at a luncheon given by the America-Japan Society.

Replying to the toast of Count Kabayama, Vice-Chairman of the Society, Capt. Turner said: "Our mission is over. The Astoria will presently sail on to other duties. But we, its company of officers and men, will not soon forget emotions that were aroused in us by observing and participating in the sincerely respectful manner of the reception, by his own people, of the last remains of Mr. Saito.

"Nor will we forget the universal kindness accorded us by the Japanese people which we humbly accept, as we also accept your hospitality here today, as their and your expressions of thanks to the American people."

Lieut.-Gen. Masataka Yamawaki, Vice-Minister of War, is giving a dinner in honour of Capt. Turner and other officers of the Astoria this evening.—Domei.

Polish Expedition Off for India

Warsaw, Apr. 24.

A Polish expedition composed of four members left for India today. The expedition will attempt to climb several mountains, including the Himalaya and the Garhwal.—Havas.

Horrible Hongkew Accident As Bus Runs Into Car

Mr. Bertram Lillie Killed, Mrs. Lillie Injured; Sergt. R. J. Wimsett Seriously Hurt

MR. Bertram Lillie, B.Sc. ENG. (Lond.), A.M.I.C.E., A.M. I.M.E., principal of the Lester School and Henry Lester Institute of Technical Education was killed, Mrs. Lillie and Sergt. R. J. Wimsett of the Shanghai Municipal Police, were seriously injured in a collision between their car and a Japanese bus on Broadway near Boone Road, shortly after 9 p.m. last night.

An emergency ambulance arrived on the scene a few minutes later and all the passengers of the car were rushed to the General Hospital, where Mr. Lillie was certified dead on arrival, whilst Mr. Wimsett, it was understood, underwent an emergency operation, suffering from a fractured left leg and flesh gashes, a cut forehead and nose and serious other injuries in the face. Mrs. Lillie, is suffering from serious wounds in the face and from nervous shock but fortunately, her conditions was not understood to give cause for anxiety.

At the scene of the mishap, desolation ensued as the bus, which had been coming along Broadway from the Garden Bridge, hit the green Ford sedan which Mr. Lillie was driving, in the exact middle of the right side of the body, both doors being smashed and the welded roof being forced apart. The rear compartment of the car was a pool of blood, both the seat and the floor telling a sad tale. It was Mr. Wimsett who had been sitting in the rear and who must have lost a considerable amount of blood before he was removed from the vehicle.

A "North-China Daily News" reporter who arrived on the scene only a few minutes later was prevented from approaching the car by a number of Japanese sentries with fixed bayonets who surrounded the two vehicles, whilst from the scene of the accident, as far back as Nanking Road queue of tramcars were lined up, which were prevented from moving into the Baikal Road depot for the night.

The impact was so terrific, that the windshield of the bus was smashed, whilst the radiator and the right fender were also badly damaged.

Police Officer Assaulted

At the General Hospital, the reporter saw a curious sight. Amidst a number of plain-clothes and uniformed members of the Settlement police, a Japanese officer, presumably a member of the Naval Landing Party, accompanied by two guards with rifles in their hands strode up and down the reception hall, giving orders in Japanese and insisting to be shown to the patients' rooms and to be taken to the doctors in charge. He finally approached Mr. A. H. Samson, Assistant Commissioner of the S. M. P., and asked him a question in Japanese. Mr. Samson's knowledge of the language was insufficient to understand the officer whereupon the latter struck Mr. Samson just below the right ear with his fist and ordered him out of the building.

Mr. Samson, with great presence of mind, stepped back a few paces and when the officer approached him once more in a threatening manner, he left for Hogkew Police Station although before leaving, he said that he would come back with the Japanese Superintendent attached to the station who had been summoned by telephone but who at 10.15 p.m. had not arrived at the hospital.

Attempted Forcible Entry

Later in the evening, it was understood, the same Japanese officer, together with a few others who had arrived meanwhile, attempted to force his way into the patients' rooms once again but was prevented from doing so by Dr. L. McGolrick and I. G. Anderson, who were attending the patients. When they saw their efforts in this connection fail, they attempted to prevent anyone from leaving the hospital, trying to herd all those present in the hall, into a room for purposes of questioning them.

Another slight incident, just after Mr. Samson was attacked, occurred when the same Japanese officer saw a uniformed sub-inspector of police, carrying the shoes and service-cap belonging to Mr. Wimsett and which had been handed to the sub-inspector by the doctor. The officer suddenly spoke English and asked the police officer where he was taking these things and why. When the officer of the law replied that the doctor had handed them to him, the Japanese desisted.

An hour after the accident about 25 Japanese officers and soldiers were busy on the scene, measuring the width of the road and taking notes, whilst Japanese photographers flashed away and a detective from Hongkew station was making his notes.

Causes Not Yet Known

The causes of the accident are not yet known and both Mrs. Lillie and Mr. Wimsett will have to be questioned before these are definitely established. The car in which the party were riding at the time, was, as far as could be ascertained, coming down Broadway whilst the bus which was on the right side of the road, was coming in the opposite direction. Another factor which will have to be taken into consideration when establishing the causes of the accident, will be the slippery state of the road and whether or not any obstacles were in the way of either of the vehicles.

At a last hour last night, Mrs. Lillie was reported to be resting comfortably and it was presumed that she would return to her home in Weihaiwei Road this morning. Mr. Wimsett's condition was also stated at being satisfactory, although he lost a considerable amount of blood and will definitely be detained for some time. Mr. Wimsett is married and is the father of one child.

Victim Arrives Yesterday

Particularly tragic is the fact, that Mr. Lillie arrived from England yesterday aboard the N.D.L. liner Gneisenau after having been away for only two months to engage a professor of mathematics for the Lester School. He is the father of a three-year-old child. The sad news of her husband's death was not communicated to Mrs. Lillie early last night.

Mr. Lillie, one of the outstanding educators in the Far East, first arrived in Shanghai in 1933 after having spent a number of years in India. He was very popular in educational and social circles locally and his loss will be keenly felt in the various circles in which his work was so much appreciated.

U.S. Army to Test Planes in May

Special Gulf Coast "Defence" Exercises Expected This Year

Shreveport, La., Apr. 23.

The Army will rush to the 'defence," of the Gulf coast in May, repelling a theoretical enemy that slipped through the Fleet on guard in the Caribbean Sea. The land defenders, however, will be theoretical, as well as the fleet off the coast. The Third Wing of the Army Air Corps, with peace-time headquarters at Barksdale Field, will be on the "spot." The Third Wing manœuvres will last two weeks, from May 6 to May 20.

All details are secret. Only Gen. Frederick L. Martin, Third Wing commander, and Capt. W. W. Messmore, the general's adjutant, and the Army public relations group know when the Army will be called out, where the theoretical enemy will attack, or the defence plans. The Third Wing may get an order to assist the First Wing, which will be aiding the First Army manœuvres at Biloxi, Miss., earlier in the month. The first inkling of the plans will crackle over the radio. No preparation will be made for the Third Wing participation, the idea being to test the practicability of calling on the air force and seeing what can be done in an emergency.

Sixth Air Base Camps

The Sixth Air Base, which is the ground and maintenance force of Barksdale Field, will begin establishing camps at Houston, Temple, Waco, Austin, Beaumont and Galveston, all Texas points, about the last week in April. Approximately 60 men and officers will establish the posts, arrange for supplies and smooth out the details for the arrival of the fliers. Four men and an officer will remain on duty at each post until manœuvres are ended.

Fifteen air corps officers, one ordnance officer, one flight surgeon, 122 enlisted men, three A-17a planes, one BC (basic combat) plane and three B-18 planes will be stationed at Houston's municipal airport, headquarters of the Third Wing during manœuvres.

These planes will be used by observing officers, and one, fitted up for Gen. Martin as an office, is equipped with the best radio equipment possessed by the Army communications branch.

Attack Squadrons

Also at Houston, at another field, will be the 55th pursuit group, with sixteen officers, eighty men, nineteen P-36a's (the newest pursuit planes) and one B-10 (bomber).

The Third Attack squadron, including ten officers, seventy enlisted men and A-17a planes will have headquarters at Temple. Also at Temple will be the 90th attack squadron, including 28 officers, 125 enlisted men and 25 A-17a planes.

Eleven officers, 110 men and ten A-18 planes, (the only two-motored combination ships of this type in the world's armed forces) of the Eighth Attack group will have headquarters at Waco.

Austin will be headquarters of the Thirteenth attack squadron, comprising 28 officers, 125 men and 25 A-17 planes, and the 77th pursuit group, composed of sixteen officers, 80 men, nineteen PMC and one B-10 planes. Disclosure expected to come from the manœuvres is the testing of aerial equipment. Some of the types of planes now in use may be declared unsatisfactory when the war games are over. Others may be approved as standard fighting equipment in the Government's drive to perfect its aviation division of national defence.—United Press.

Madrid to Have 600 Weddings Daily

Madrid, Apr. 24.

During the next two months Madrid will witness something like 600 to 650 weddings a day. The reason for this extraordinary number is that the ecclesiastical authorities have strongly exhorted young couples married at registries during the Republican regime to have their marriage contracts solemnized at church ceremonies. Since, however, there is a shortage of priests, mass weddings are being arranged.—Trans-Ocean.

Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:

Sterling 8¼d. U.S.$ 16 1/32c.

LONDON METALS AND N.Y. CROSS RATE

London, Apr. 24.

The silver market ruled quietly steady today, with both positions moving ⅛d. up from yesterday's levels.

	Apr. 22	Apr. 24
London spot	20d.	20⅛d.
„ forward	19⅛d.	19⅛d.
„ gold	148/6¼d.	148/6d.

London/New York:

One pound U.S.$4.6801	$4.6806
One U.S. dollar 51.283d.	51.275d.

—Reuter.

Popular American Found Dead

Police Investigating The Demise of Mr. J. Rosenfeld

Mr. Joel Rosenfeld, 32 year-old American fur dealer, was found dead in his office in room 334, 131 Museum Road shortly before 8 a.m. yesterday. A .303 calibre Springfield service rifle was found next to him. The discovery was first made by a tea-boy employed by a Chinese firm with premises on the same floor, who rushed to Mr. Rosenfeld's office on hearing the shot, and found that he had already died from a bullet-wound in the stomach, lying on the left side of his desk, with his face towards the floor. As there was no visible trace of blood, the coolie was at first puzzled until he saw the rifle, on the trigger of which a yellow silk thread had been tied into a loop.

The police were immediately informed and detectives from Central Station, together with Mr. Gordon Campbell, Marshal of the United States Court for China, arrived on the scene a few minutes later, accompanied by police photographers and fingerprint experts who made preliminary investigations on the spot. A small bottle of poison was found on the desk but, according to investigations, does not seem to have been opened previously.

Yesterday morning, it was learned, he had his breakfast at 6 a.m. and left for his office soon afterwards, arriving there at about 7 o'clock. Death it was believed, must have been instantaneous.

Severe Letters Found

Several letters were found in the pockets of the deceased as well as in the drawers of his desk. One of the messages was addressed to Mr. Rosenfeld's widow who is living in Shanghai together with their young daughter, whilst the others were addressed to intimate friends of deceased. Mr. Rosenfeld was stated by friends questioned yesterday, to have been rather perturbed for the last ten days or so, mainly because his business which had been flourishing up to last year, had steadily declined and it was believed that he had considerable financial troubles. It was also learned yesterday, that a sister-in-law of deceased, died in the United States some two weeks ago and that this news had considerably upset him.

Very Popular

Mr. Rosenfeld was very popular in Shanghai, and his death came as a great surprise to his many friends, who stated that he was of a jovial disposition. He was a member of the American Troop, Shanghai Volunteer Corps, as well as of the American Club and the Cercle Sportif Francais, which he had only recently joined.

The body was taken to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors but the date for the inquest has not yet been definitely fixed as the coroner, Mr. N. E. Lurton, is not in Shanghai although he was expected to return here today.

Funeral arrangements have been completed but it was believed that deceased would be accorded a military funeral with members of the American troop acting as pallbearers.

Meanwhile, officials from the United States Court for China, yesterday sealed his offices pending the completion of their investigations.

Bus Line Incident To Be Studied

Conveying of Chinese Given As Reason For Suspension

The Japanese military police had forcibly stopped a foreign-owned bus line from continuing business between Ward Road and Garden Bridge, because investigations had revealed that Chinese passengers were also accepted according to a spokesman at yesterday's press conference. His also pointed out that sentries had not bothered hitherto to stop the vehicles for inspection at the various bridges, because the drivers and passengers were believed to be foreigners but that, when it was learned that Chinese passengers were also conveyed, the authorities took a serious view of the matter.

When a correspondent pointed out that the vehicles were properly licensed by the Shanghai Municipal Council and merely conveyed Jewish refugees to and from their Ward Road Camp to Garden Bridge, thus saving them 40 per cent. in fare, the military spokesman said that the case was being investigated and that he would personally look into the matter. Asked whether the service would be permitted to operate again in the near future, the spokesman said that he saw no reason why this should not be done, if sufficient proofs would be given by its operators, that it would serve a private purpose only.

The three buses, it was learned yesterday, had been bought by a group of Jewish refugees who made a bare living out of conveying inmates of the various refugee homes to the Garden Bridge for six cents as against ten charged by the Japanese company operating in Hongkew and Yangtzepoo.

Japanese Underwriters Refuse Payments

Foreign Cargo Owners Said Not Indemnified

The conflagration which completely destroyed the N.Y.K. godown opposite the Japanese Consulate-General on March 24 and 25, was still being investigated by the Japanese authorities, a spokesman stated at yesterday's press conference in reply to a correspondent's question in connection with the refusal on the part of Japanese insurance companies to indemnify foreign owners of cargo destroyed during the fire.

Up to the present moment, the spokesman continued, certain objects had been found which led investigating officials to believe that arsonists had set fire to the godown, but investigations could not be completed before the bales of cotton still lying in the ruins were moved.

Regiment Day of East Surreys Celebrated

Gallant Action at Ypres Commemorated Locally

To commemorate the Regiment's glorious part in the second Battle of Ypres in April 1917, members of the 2nd Batt. The East Surrey Regiment spent a general holiday yesterday—a holiday which was also observed by the 1st Batt. the Regiment, which is now in England.

On this day both battalions distinguished themselves by their gallant conduct, the Regiment taking over the advance position on April 19 after the British attack on Hill 60 by the 13th Infantry Brigade which captured it. On the evening of April 19, the East Surreys were subjected to a terrific barrage and on the following morning the enemy, thinking that all resistance had been crushed, rushed the position.

The attack was repulsed and Lance-Cpl. Dwyer, through his gallant action during the attack, won the Victoria Cross. After another bombardment, during which the East Surrey's position was reduced to a shambles, a second attack was launched this again being repulsed. Finally the East Surreys were able to hand over the position intact after having suffered terrible losses.

During the battle two more Victoria Crosses were won by members of the Regiment, both on the same day. The recipients were Lieut. George Rowland Patrick Roupell and 2nd-Lieut. Geary.

The celebrations in Shanghai included a fun fair at the Great Western Road billets, where prizes were awarded to the men for the best stalls. In addition a special dinner was served at midday and in the evening the troops were entertained by a Regimental concert party.

Local Celebrations Of Anzac Day

Annual Wreath-Laying Ceremony and Dinner

At dawn on April 25, 1915, there occurred one of the most gallant actions in the history of the Great War, when the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps played a most conspicuous part in the landings at Suvla Beach and the Dardanelles in the Gallipoli campaign. Today the heroism and sacrifices of that gallant Corps will be remembered by Australians and New Zealanders throughout the world and in Shanghai the observances have been organized by the Australian and New Zealand Society of Shanghai.

As in former years the observances will commence with the annual wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph at 8.30 a.m. Members and others are asked to assemble at the Shanghai Club from where they will walk to the Cenotaph, where a wreath on behalf of the Society will be laid by the President, Mr. V. G. Bowden, and the Vice-President. Also attending will be representatives of the British Forces in Shanghai, U.S. Marine Corps, French Forces, various members of ex-servicemen's organizations and others.

After the laying of the wreaths, Dean A.C.S. Trivett will offer a prayer which will be followed by the "Last Post," sounded by four buglers from the 2nd. Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment. A two minutes' silence will then be observed, this being concluded by the sounding of "Reveille" by the buglers.

At 8.30 p.m. a dinner will be held in the American Women's Club on Bubbling Well Road, where the chief guest will be Sir Herbert Phillips, H.M. Consul-General. He will be accompanied by Miss Phillips, while also present will be the heads of the various British national societies and others representing colonial societies and clubs.

The President will propose the toast of "The Guests" and Sir Herbert Phillips will reply. The dinner will be followed by the showing of sound films dealing with Australia, its scenic beauty and flora and fauna. Following the films there will be dancing.

$87,000 Mill Robbery Alleged

Three Chinese Charged with Raid at Nantungchow

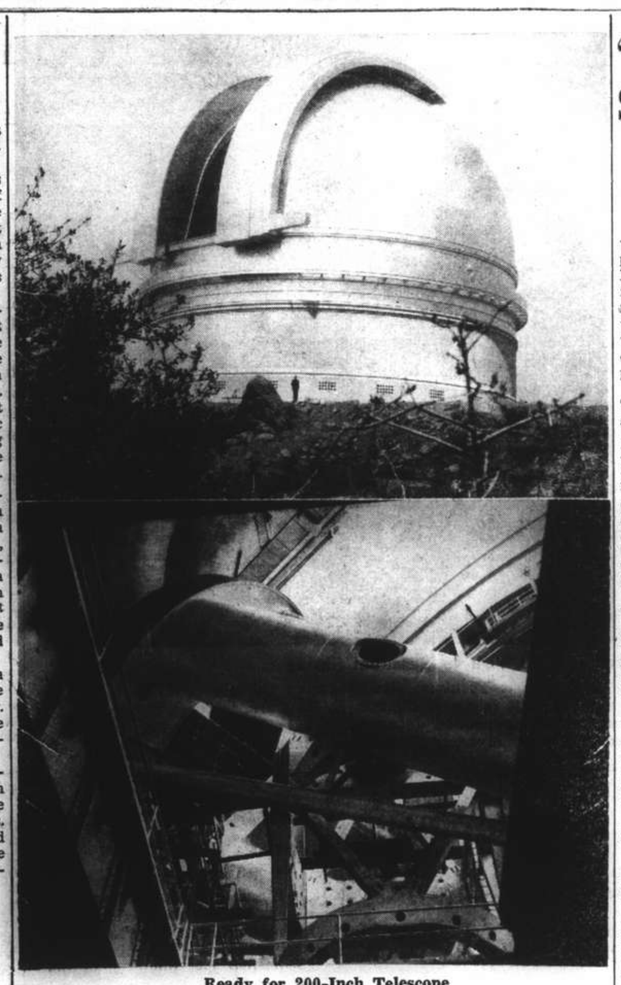
Three of the six persons recently arrested by the Settlement police in connection with the $87,000 armed robbery committed in January of this year at the Ta Sen Cotton Mill in Nantungchow, North Kiangsu, were formally charged with robbery in the First Special District Court yesterday. The three other arrested persons, two of them, women, were released on account of lack of evidence against them. The hearing was postponed for two weeks. The judge wanted the higher court to decide whether or not he has the right to try the case as the crime was committed in an outport.

It was alleged by the police prosecutor that one of the accused, Pien Ming-hui, was a former watchman at the cotton mill and that one of his women relatives worked in the mill. Knowing the condition of the cotton mill thoroughly, he was alleged to have collected about him more than 20 men and staged the daring hold up on the night of January 29 in the accountant's room. The three accused were alleged to have obtained the lion's share of the stolen money while all others were given small sums.

Estonian Army Chief Returns to Tallinn

Warsaw, Apr. 24.

General Johann Laidoner, Estonian Chief of Staff, returned to Tallinn today after a week's stay in Poland. Shortly before leaving, he told press representatives here that his talks with Marshal Eduard Smigly-Ridz, the Inspector-General of the Polish Army, and with Colonel Joseph Beck, Polish Foreign Minister, had confirmed the close friendship between Poland and Estonia. Agreement or written accords between us are useless for common dangers place our two countries in a similar position," he added.—Havas.



Ready for 200-Inch Telescope

The gigantic dome at Mount Palomar Observatory, San Diego, which will house the new 200-inch telescope, the largest in the world, is nearly ready. These pictures show the Dome and the telescope with which astronomers expect to discover a wealth of information regarding the universe.

Signals Coy. S.V.C. Appeal for Recruits

Ladies Asked to Help at Annual Dinner; Young Unit's Valuable Work

Reference to the urgent need for recruits for the unit was made by Capt. A. Herzberg, Officer Commanding Signals Company, S.V.C. during the annual dinner-dance of officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Company which was held at the S.V.C. Club last night.

The Signals Company, while being one of the youngest units in the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, has proved its usefulness in times of stress on many occasions and has built up traditions that future generations of Signals Company personnel may well be proud to look back on.

Many references to the Company's splendid work were made throughout the dinner, during which it was explained how this unit, by means of telephone networks, visual signalling and despatch riders, filled a very important role in the scheme of S.V.C. operations. That the unit had played its part to the satisfaction of all concerned was a certain fact, it was stated.

The dinner-dance marked the end of a very successful training season, during which the enthusiastic work put in by all ranks augurs well for the future of the Company.

Guests

The evening started with the reception of the guests by Capt. Herzberg and Mrs. Herzberg, during which cocktails were served to the 130 members and guests who attended. The guests of honour were Mr. C. S. Franklin, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and Mrs. Franklin; Col. J. W. Hornby, Commandant, S.V.C.; Major K. M. Bourne, Commissioner of Police; Mr. and Mrs. J. Haynes Wilson, Major C. J. Corbin (Welch Regiment), Brigade Major S.V.C.; Major and Mrs. E. V. Burke Murphy and Major S. D. Ivanoff.

Following the traditional toast to "Our Respective Rulers," Capt. Herzberg cordially welcomed the guests in a short speech during which he expressed his appreciation of the support and assistance rendered to the Company by Mr. Franklin, the Civil Commandant, Col. Hornby, Headquarters Staff, other units of the Corps, Major Bourne and the police, Mr. J. Haynes Wilson and the Shanghai Telephone Company.

Capt. Herzberg also referred to the urgent need for recruits and made a special appeal to the ladies present for their co-operation in this matter. Mr. Franklin replied on behalf of the guests and expressed his personal thanks and appreciation for the work done by the Company.

Following dinner, during which band music was played, dancing, interspersed with a variety entertainment, brought a most pleasant evening to a close.

OBITUARY

Cardinal Mariani

Vatican City, Apr. 24.

Domenico Cardinal Mariani, Canon of St. Peter's Basilica, died here yesterday at the age of 76. During his long career he carried out vast projects increasing the grandeur of the Vatican's great cathedral.

He also held numerous confidential posts in the Vatican, including that of secret chamberlain to Pope Pius X. In 1917 he was created secretary of the administrative commission for property of the Holy See.

Despite his high position, he personally directed religious instruction of future ecclesiastics for approximately thirty years in various Roman institutes. In 1930, he accompanied Cardinal Lepicier to Carthage, in representation of the Vatican at the International Eucharistic Congress.

Cardinal Mariani was born in 1863 at Posta, in the province of Rieti. He was ordained at St. Peter's after ecclesiastical studies at the Vatican Seminary, and that known as Roman Maggiore. He was nominated to the Sacred College by Pope Pius XI at the consistory of December 16, 1935.—United Press.

Cholera Certificates Needed Tomorrow

Commencing with tomorrow, cholera inoculation certificates will have to be shown when passing into Yangtszepoo, Hongkew and all other Japanese occupied territories, it was announced by the Japanese naval spokesman at yesterday's press conference. It was emphasized that inoculation certificates lose their validity six months after issue and that, therefore, most certificates issued last year are not valid any longer.

Wenchow Closed to Shipping

Last Free Chekiang Port Cut Off From Shanghai By Japanese Action

Wenchow, an important east Chekiang coastal district which has been the only trade centre in Chekiang having connections with Shanghai, is now closed to shipping. All other important Chekiang coastal districts including Chinghai, the riverport gateway to Ningpo have previously been closed to shipping. All Shanghai steamers lying off Wenchow have been required to return here and the others wishing to proceed to the district have postponed their trips indefinitely.

The district has been bombed and shelled and the situation along the Chekiang coast is reported to be tense owing to the renewed threat of attack by the Japanese navy. Shipping circles here hope that the closing of Wenchow is temporary for if it is permanent then Shanghai trade will be seriously affected.

Fighting is going on in many places in Chekiang and Kiangsu, especially along the railways. The Chinese forces are aiming at recapturing important towns along the railways having renewed their counter offensive operations while the Japanese appear to be bent on destroying the very base of Chinese operations at Kinhwa, the wartime capital of Chekiang.

Reports from Kinhwa indicate that the district was bombed by Japanese 'planes consecutively for two days on Saturday and Sunday. Eight 'planes invaded the district shortly before noon on Sunday and dropped 19 bombs, four of which were incendiary. Sixty-five houses were destroyed and 11 others damaged by fire. Thirty-six bombs were dropped by Japanese 'planes on Saturday.

SCOTTISH peeress in her own right, the Countess of Dysart, who is joined with a second plaintiff in an action pending against a gold mining company, succeeded an uncle in 1936. The late Lord Dysart, owner of famous Ham House, Petersham, left gross estate of £2,104,311, on which £1,008,823 estate duty was paid. Lady Dysart has three daughters by her marriage in 1913 to Mr. Owain Greaves. She lives in a mansion in Argyllshire well cut off from the world.

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"Ta Tao" Police in Settlement

Chinese Given Three Years For Holding His Tenant at Outside Station

A Chinese named Tsang Tseng-fu was sentenced to three years' imprisonment by the First Special District Court yesterday for detaining a tenant living in the Settlement at a "Ta Tao" police station whose assistance he sought to force the man to pay the rent. He was convicted on a charge of restricting personal freedom.

Trouble started last week when Tsang failed to collect back rental amounting to more than $100 from a tenant named Pan Chi-lung who lives in Tseng's house at 46-401 Dent Road. Pan could not raise the money whereupon Tseng sent Pan to a Greater Shanghai police station, off Lingping Road, in the eastern area north of the creek with the aid of two men attached to the "Rehabilitation Section" of the Greater Shanghai Municipal Government.

A relative of Pan informed the Yulin Road police of the trouble and the Settlement police secured the release of Pan after consulting the Japanese adviser to the Chinese police station. Tsang was later located and arrested.

Another Chinese who tried also to use the "puppet police" in settling a case involving his former common law wife in an alleged criminal manner was brought before the same court yesterday. He was charged with attempted extortion. He is Pan Tze-hu, an interpreter of a Greater Shanghai police station.

He was alleged to have tried to extort $200 from a cook employed by a brothel in Hongkew suspecting that the latter had introduced his former sweetheart to the house of ill fame. With the aid of some friends, he was further alleged to have forced both his former sweetheart and the cook to go to the Lingping Road Greater Shanghai Police Station where the cook was detained until he could pay the money.

Japanese Soldier Turns Armed Robber

Court Martial Brings Up Problem for Army Chiefs

Tokyo, Apr. 24.

A young Japanese soldier, trained to shoot to kill while barracked in Manchuria, is today facing a regimental court martial in Tokyo for the wilful murder of four civilians.

A confessed killer and robber, Yoshiichi Kanda, the soldier, used his service revolver in a crime which has few parallels in the records of Japanese criminology. The use of firearms in cases of robbery and murder is practically unknown here.

Army authorities have taken extraordinary steps to maintain a constant check on soldiers returned from the China front. They fear that these ex-service men, used to handling guns and used to killing, will turn this experience to criminal ends. Also, special details of "thought police" have been assigned to returned soldiers so that the official interpretation of war—"How better can one die than for his country!"—be not damaged by anything that might be said about terms of service at the front.

Kanda killed and robbed four persons during the last two weeks of January. His victims included a sweets store owner and his wife, an engineer and an unemployed woman. The shootings occurred in four different prefectures. Kanda escaped arrest for eighteen days. After being trapped in a swamp near Nagoya by more than 200 policemen, he was made prisoner on February 1.

The Kanda case has inspired Army authorities to take stronger steps regarding the searching of soldiers before they leave their barracks on furloughs.

The court martial of Yoshiichi Kanda, now going on at Third Regiment Headquarters, is expected to be as brief as most Army trials. The killer, therefore, probably will be executed sometime this month.—United Press.

Jewish Refugees Here Now Total 8,400

Over 220 Jewish refugees arrived here yesterday aboard the Gneisenau and the Hakusaku Maru and, with the expected arrival of 850 today aboard the Conte Biancamano, the total number of Jewish refugees at present in Shanghai was expected to reach 8,400 before night-fall.

Accommodation for the new arrivals has been arranged for in two homes, one at Ward Road where some 835 are living already, whilst the other premises on Chaoufung Road were completed yesterday and will be able to accommodate the rest.

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The Gospel Story in A New Form

Impressive Service at Union Church

The effect of Christ's presence upon those who really knew Him in the days of His earthly ministry and the effect of the conviction of His abiding presence in the lives of those who profess His discipleship today, were told in a somewhat novel form at a special service arranged by a group of Union Church workers and held in the Church Hall on Sunday evening.

The service opened with the hymn "Immortal Love, for ever free" and selected Scriptural readings by Mrs. W. A. McDonald and Mrs. O. G. R. Beynon, decriptive of scenes in the life of Christ immediately preceding His trial and crucifixion, and also after His resurrection. The solo, "There is a green hill far away," was sung by Mrs. A. Harvey, and then came another Scriptural reading describing incidents in the home in Bethany of Martha and Mary, where Christ was always a welcome guest.

With this introduction the congregation were introduced to the home in Bethany some three years after Pentecost. The two sisters Martha and Mary still live there, but the experiences of the last few years have somewhat changed their characters. The young man Mark, now an ardent disciple, is a welcome visitor to the home, and it is evident from the conversation that all three believe in the real presence of their ascended Master and carry on their daily work in that conviction. The coming into the circle of an unfortunate stranger enables them to convince her also of His abiding presence and willingness to help and save, and the sympathy thus shown brings new hope into her life.

The characters of Martha and Mary were taken by Mrs. W. F. Gilbert and Miss Winifred Allan; the stranger was portrayed by Mrs. J. A. C. Law; the character of Mark by Mr. David McGavin, while little Feona McFarlane took the part of the child visitor to the home who received help from the two sisters.

The story closed with a very fine rendering by Mr. McGavin of the solo "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and the repetition in unison of the following prayer:—

Almighty God, our Creator and Preserver, we thank Thee for this springtime in which Thou art renewing the face of the earth and quickening all things. Thou, who carest for the trees and the flowers, revive and renew our lives, we pray. Grant us a sense of being co-workers with Thee; make us ready to yield our lives to Thy direction, so that we may bring forth the fruit of good works, as disciples of Him who came to quicken in human hearts the seeds of eternal life. Give to each of us, in our daily walk of life the power of leaving men and women stronger and purer because of the rest they have found in our own souls, and give to each one the family likeness by which God's children are recognized in all sorts of company. Grant, we pray Thee, that the grace of our Master, Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all for ever and ever. Amen.

It was a very reverent presentation, and evidently made a deep impression upon the large gathering of some 250 people, including a number of Chinese students.

Credit for the inception of the service is due Mrs. Bernard Read, who supervised the stage setting and the dresses of those taking part. The accompaniments to the musical numbers and the opening and closing voluntaries were played by Mr. M. Gardner Tewksbury.

Hlinka Guard Reported Active on Border

Budapest, Apr. 24.

Hungarian authorities today began investigating an incident at Hernadnihany on the Slovak frontier in which a Hungarian gendarme was killed and another seriously wounded. The assailants were reported to have been disguised members of the Slovak Hlinka Guard. Hungarian authorities are taking a serious view of the incident, it was indicated.—United Press.

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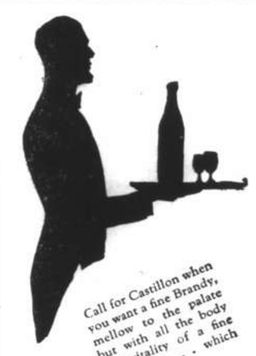

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Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 1939

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 7/32 ..... $ 29.20
U.S. $100 @ 16 ..... $625.00

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 7/32 ..... $ 28.87
U.S. $100 @ 16¼ $615.38
London—demand 8 7/16
4 months' sight credits 8 11/32
4 months' sight docts 8 13/32
6 months' sight credits 8 3/8
6 months' sight docts 8 7/16
New York—demand ..... U.S. $16¼
4 months' sight credits 16¼
4 months' sight docts 16 3/8
Paris—4 months' sight docts Fcs. 626

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling ..... 8¼ U.S. $16 1/16
Hongkong/London 1/2 3/32

Chartered Bank

Canadian $100 @ 15 13/16 ..... $627.45
Hongkong $55 5/8 ..... $100.00

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Local Exchange Report

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INTERBANK CASH DELIVERY

£	Highest 8¼	Lowest 8¼
U.S. G.$	16 1/16	16 1/16
Yen	—	—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

	SELLING		BUYING
April		April/May	
£ T.T.	8 7/32	4 m/s. l.c.	8 11/32
G.$ T.T.	16 1/16	4 m/s. l.c.	16 1/16
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London silver was unchanged for ready and 1/8 down forward, being 20.– for ready and 19 3/8 forward. New York was unquoted and Bombay was unchanged at 52.12.

It was reported the American trade bought. Indian speculators sold. Business small. Market quietly steady.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 8 7/32 sterling and 16 1/16 U.S.$.

The Interbank market was stagnant. Rates were the same at the opening as at the close viz:—

8¼	sterling	16 1/16	U.S.$	Apr.
8 3/32	"	16 3/32	"	May
8 1/16	"	16	"	June
8 1/32	"	15 31/32	"	July

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

Very quiet but firm conditions prevailed and even the near approach of Friday's Reichstag address failed to attract sellers. Ewos and New Engines were prominent with the latter rising to $7.05 while Buses touched a new high of $27 ex div.

The quietness of the market permitted study of the China Realty scheme of Re-organization. While it was interpreted as an act of grace to still allow the Common shares to exist even to the extent of 2 per cent. in the new capitalization, nevertheless the scheme seemed to meet with general approval. Assuming the new $10 share which the present Debenture holder receives to be worth only $5, then the present equivalent of the 8 per cent. Debenture is approximately Tls. 67.

Official Averages

1938 High	Low		Today's Averages	Change
155.03	105.32	General	140.39	+0.13
152.40	95.55	Rubbers	139.98	—0.12

Total 26,185 shares, 309 bonds.

Morning Session

$1,500	S'hai Telephone 6% Debs.	$ 95.00
$1,000	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	89.75
$14,000	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	92.00
1,000	Tebong	0.82
3,200	Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.40
100	S'hai Dock	100.00
7,750	New Eng. (Ord)	7.00
533	Int. Assurance	8.00
300	Wheelock	35.75
3,000	New Eng. (Ord)	7.05
24	S'hai Power (Pref)	127.25
116	S'hai Telephone	73.00

ODD LOTS

1/3	Int. Assurance	$ 2.66
169	S'hai Land	8.40
32	S'hai Telephone	73.00
1	S'hai Telephone	72.00
22	S'hai Telephone	73.00

Afternoon Session

10,000	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$ 90.00
G$700	Gold $ Bonds 6%	G$ 71.00
150	Anglo Java	$ 15.20
100	Anglo Java	15.10
80	S'hai Power (Pref)	127.25
500	New Eng. (Ord)	7.05
2,400	Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.40
1,000	C. G. Omnibus	27.00
1,000	Metal Ind. of China	6.05
1,000	New Eng. (Ord)	7.00
1,500	New Eng. (Ord)	7.05
9	S'hai Land	8.50

ODD LOTS

30	S'hai Telephone	$ 73.00
50	C. G. Omnibus	26.50
17	S'hai Telephone	73.00
3	S'hai Telephone	73.50
71	C. G. Omnibus	26.75
50	Exploration	7.75
50	S'hai Loan	5.75

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Apr. 24.	Closing Prices a.m. Closing	p.m. Closing
Antamok	.32	.32
Atok	.305	.30
Balatoc	8.50	8.30
Batong Buhay	.013	.015
Benguet Consolidated	11.30	11.40
Big Wedge	Unavailable	.26
Coco Grove	Unavailable	.335
Demonstration	Unavailable	.125
I X L	.53	.52
Masbate	.12	.125
North Camarines	.44	.44
San Mauricio	.92	.91
Surigao Con., Com.	.19	.185
Surigao Con. Voting T.	—	.18
Suyoc	.15	.15
United Paracale	.60	.60

Turnover Unavailable Pesos.
Shares Index:—Unavailable.—Reuter.

Germany's March Foreign Trade

Berlin, Apr. 22.

The foreign trade of the Greater Reich during the month of March aggregated imports of 504,200,000 Reichsmarks and exports of 480,500,000. Reichsmarks or a deficit balance of 23,700,000.

Compared with the month of February, the imports increased by 32,700,000 and the exports by almost 70,000,000 so that the import surplus of 60,500,000 in February has been reduced to an import surplus of 23,700,000 in March.

The foreign trade of the Old Reich inclusive of the adjoining Sudetenland amounted in February to imports of 425,700,000 as against 453,900,000 Reichsmarks in March, meaning an increase of 6.6 per cent. This increase has been mainly in industrial raw materials, namely 23,300,000 while the increase in foodstuffs imports was comparatively small, name-4,900,000 Reichsmarks. Most of the increase of imports of raw materials came from European countries. Of the remaining contingent, America contributed only 6,000,000 while Africa's contribution to Germany's imports was not quite so large as in the previous month. Imports from Asia showed little change.

Exports from the Old Reich rose from 388,300,000 in February to 455,700,000 Reichsmarks in March. The increase in exports consisted chiefly of manufactured goods. Altogether exports were 59,300,000. Reichsmarks higher than in February while semi-goods exports increased by 6,000,000 Reichsmarks. There was little change as regards the foodstuffs exports.

The increased German exports in March were accounted for by greater business with all continents except Africa. The increase of exports to European countries was 42,900,000 and to overseas countries 24,400,000 Reichsmarks. An increase of 19,100,000 Reichsmarks was registered in exports to Asia.

The trade balance of the Old Reich which aggregated an import surplus of 37,300,000 Reichsmarks at the end of February, closed with a slight exports surplus, namely 1,800,000 Reichsmarks at the end of March. —Trans-Ocean.

Yokohama Specie Bank Dividend

The directors of the Yokohama Special Bank submited to the shareholders at the ordinary general meeting on March 10, the annexed statement of the liabilities and assets of the Bank, and of the Profit and Loss Account for the half-year, ending December 31, 1938.

The profit of the bank for the past half-year, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, debate on bills, etc, shows Yen 16,683,793.30 inclusive of Yen 10,422,027.86 brought forward from last account.

The directors propose that Yen 1,250,000.00 be added to the Reserve Fund, and recommend a dividend at the rate of Ten per cent. per annum, which will absorb Yen 5,000,000.00.

The balance, Yen 10,433,793.30 will be carried forward to the credit of next account.

Roosevelt Agrees to Cotton Proposal

Washington, Apr. 22.

President Roosevelt has agreed to the cotton export proposal, providing for the payment of a subsidy of about two cents per pound on and up to 7,000,000 bales of this year's cotton crop, according to an announcement made today by Senator John Bankhead, Democrat of Alabama.

The subsidy, it is understood, would be paid by the Secretary of Agriculture during the twelve month period, starting from August 1, 1939. Exporters could take payments in either cash or cotton from loan stocks, and cotton received as payments could not be disposed of until after January 1, 1940.

The new plan, which is supported by all but two members of the Southern cotton bloc in the Senate, will be attached to the Agricultural Appropriations Bill now pending in Congress, according to Senator Bankhead.

Most Southern Senators had opposed the President's original plan, because they feared it would lower cotton prices, and thus force a large amount of new crop into the Government loan.

Senator Bankhead said that the new proposal "reverses the previous method and should keep new crop out of the loan." "I expect the American price to be stabilized at around nine cents per pound," he concluded.—Reuter.

New York Market Quiet

New York, Apr. 22.

Prices on the New York Stock Exchange were lower today as trading dwindled. Traders remained cautious pending Chancellor Adolf Hitler's reply to President Roosevelt's peace appeal. Many issues staged temporary gains shortly after the market opened, but the majority eventually closed with losses. Rails and oils held better than most issues. Utilities, motors and some mercantiles were steady but steels eased slightly. Aviations were mixed.

American Can, Bendix, Consolidated Edison, General Foods, Montgomery Ward and New York Central showed fractional gains.

Business news was sparse, but most of it was favourable. Wall Street hears that interests attempting to obtain control of Standard Oil of Nebraska may liquidate the company because of relatively high asset value. There is some disappointment in the market's action in view of lessening tension abroad.

Colt Fire Arms is regarded as moderately attractive even without the outbreak of a war. The Government's rearmament programme and experimental orders to certain industries accounts for this.

Favourable market factors today included:

1. March passenger automobile retail sales were 40 per cent. above the same period of last year.
2. Pittsburgh steel operations are scheduled to rise three points this week.
3. Replacement tyre sales in 1939 are estimated from four to ten per cent. above last year.

Among the unfavourable factors were these:

1. The European situation.
2. The coal strike.
3. Department store sales for the week of April 15 were 7D per cent. below the same period of 1938, which included Easter.—United Press.

Mercantile Bank of India

International Tension Reflected in Bank's Accounts; Profit Shows Increase Over 1937

PROCEEDINGS at the Forty-sixth annual general Meeting of the Shareholders of the Mercantile Bank of India Limited, held at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, London, E.C., on March 28, 1939. Sir Charles A. Innes, (the Chairman), presided. The chairman: I call upon the chief Manager to read the notice convening the meeting and the auditors' report. The chief manager (Mr. J. B. Crichton) read the notice convening the meeting and the report of the auditors.

The Chairman: You will have noticed that, though our profits have been well maintained, the balance sheet total is down by roughly £1½ million compared with 1937. On the Liabilities side our deposits are less by more than £1 million, and on the assets side a decrease of nearly £2½ millions in Bills Receivable and Loans and Advances is only partially set off by an increase of nearly £1½ million in Investments and Cash. To some extent however the decrease in Bills Receivable is more apparent than real. It is partially accounted for by the introduction of the Air Mail. A large proportion of these bills consists of bills purchased by our Branches in the East and sent home to London, and the amount of them outstanding at any one time is roughly the amount in transit between the East and London. If we take Malaya as an example, when the mails came by sea, the time of transit was not less than three weeks, and we had three weeks' supply of bills always on the water. The Air Mail takes only seven days, and naturally the amount outstanding is smaller. This of course is only a partial explanation of the decrease. It is common knowledge that there is a shortage of bills in London owing to the diminished volume of international trade. Similarly the decrease in Loans and Advances and the increase in Investments are partly due to the fact that at the end of 1937 we had a large amount of money out at short notice in London at a low rate of interest. During 1938 most of this money was invested, but the mere fact that it was surplus to trade requirements is in itself a sign of the times, and generally speaking, it may be said that our balance sheet reflects poorer trading conditions in 1938. Nor is this surprising. International tension was the dominant factor throughout the year. The Munich Agreement brought some relief, but did not suffice fully to restore confidence. The war between China and Japan continued to drag on, and disorganized trade with the Far East. Finally, though there was some improvement of trade in the United States of America in the later months of the year, it came too late and was not sufficiently pronounced to have much effect on the trade of the countries in which we are interested.

Increased Profits

In the circumstances, it is satisfactory that our Profit at £192,443 shows an improvement on the figure of the previous year, and again we have good reason to congratulate Mr. Crichton and his officers. We are maintaining our dividend at the usual 12 per cent., and there is no change in our contribution to the officers' Pension Fund or in our allocation to Premises Account, but we have raised the additional allocation to Contingencies from £25,000 to £30,000 and have increased the Carry Forward by more than £4,000. Our premises have been written down year by year ever since the Bank was started, and the account is a very healthy one. Our investments are kept under constant scrutiny by the Board, and we are satisfied that they are well spread. That is all I need say, I think, about the accounts, and following our usual practice, I now propose to deal briefly with the different countries in which we have branches beginning with India. I pointed out last year that India and Burma, though now separated, still constitute a single currency unit, and that the combined figures of the seaborne trade of the two countries give the true picture of the balance of trade. These figures show that exports fell from 220 crores to 180 crores and imports from 154 to 140 crores. The favourable balance of trade in merchandise thus declined from 66 crores to 40 crores. There was also a decrease in the net export of precious metals. By far the largest decline was in the export of raw cotton, due to decreased imports of Indian cotton by Japan, and exports of manufactured and raw jute, hides and skins and seeds also declined. Imports of machinery again show a large increase, and machinery has now displaced cotton manufactures as the largest single import into India. Imports of cotton yarn and cloth continued their downward progress from 1,576 to 1,461 lakhs, and Lancashire again had a smaller share of the trade. It is good news therefore that the long drawn out negotiations for a trade pact between India and this country have at last been brought to a successful conclusion, and that Lancashire will benefit by the new agreement which has just been signed. The figures I have given show that India did not escape the effects of the general recession of international trade, but the reports I have received indicate that the decrease of foreign trade was to some extent off-set by increased industrial activity inside India, and these reports are confirmed by the statistics of rail-borne traffic. The agriculturist however had a bad year. The Calcutta General Index Number of Wholesale prices fell from 102 to 95. Among individual items, the index number for raw cotton fell from 89 to 67, that for hides and skins from 81 to 64, and that for raw jute from 56 to 49. India in fact is up against the old problem. It is comparatively easy to foster the growth of industries by high tariff duties. It is a much more difficult matter to improve the lot and increase the purchasing power of the agriculturists who constitute so large a proportion of India's population. This is not to say that the problem is not realised or is neglected by the Governments of India. On the contrary they are attacking it by the Governments of India. On the contrary they are attacking it by the improvement of agriculture, by rural development schemes, by debt redemption schemes and by extending the policy of prohibition. But progress is necessarily slow, and in the meantime the high tariff duties now in force send up the cost of living for the rural population.

Tea Industry

The Tea industry had a less satisfactory year than 1937. The higher rate of release under the Regulation Scheme brought about an increase in stocks with the result that prices tended to sag, the fall being heaviest in respect of Common Teas. On the other hand production increased with the result that stocks at the end of the year were heavier. A small reduction of quotas for the year ending March 31, 1940, which has just been announced should improve matters. The Iron and Steel and Cement industries continued to flourish, but prices of coal declined probably owing to a large increase of production. The troubles of the great Jute industry to which I referred last year continued till September last when the Bengal Government intervened and imposed a temporary limitation of working hours on the mills in Bengal. This intervention had the desired effect, and the industry has now come together and has signed a five year agreement for the limitation of hours of work. A large order for sandbags has also been received recently from the British Government, and I hope that the industry will now regain some of its former prosperity. The progress of the Cotton industry continued, and production reached a very high level. The Bombay section of the industry should benefit by the passing of the Trades Disputes Act. Labour unrest which frequently has no relation to conditions of work is a great handicap to the prosperity and progress of industry in India.

India's Credit

India's credit remained on a high level. Indeed it is a curious fact that though money is dearer in India than in this country, India 3½ per cent. paper stood higher than the British Government's 3½ per cent. War Loan on more than one occasion in December and January last. Two Local Governments successfully floated loans at just over 3 per cent., and the average rate for the Central Government's Treasury Bills was only Rs. 1.4.10. India's high credit is no doubt the result of many years of cautious and conservative finance evidenced by balanced budgets and the extraordinarily small amount of unproductive debt. But it is also partly due to the fact that India has not found it necessary to spend huge sums on armaments, and that she is probably the only important country in the world whose military expenditure is less now than it was ten years ago, and one cannot help feeling that the problem of Indian finance is likely to become more difficult. The mainstay of Provincial finance has hitherto been Land Revenue and Excise. The former is at best a stagnating source of revenue, if indeed it is not actually declining, and the policy of prohibition which most Provincial Governments are adopting necessarily involves a sacrifice of Excise revenue. For instance, one Provincial Government, whose Excise revenue was 320 lakhs two years ago, has announced that it is prepared to sacrifice 180 lakhs of this revenue. The difficulty of course is to find alternative sources of revenue, and some of the new taxes imposed or proposed seem to trench on fields of taxation hitherto regarded as belonging to other authorities. Three instances will suffice. One Province proposes to impose a tax on Urban rateable values in its chief town which would appear to encroach on a field hitherto reserved for the Municipal authorities. In another an Employment tax is proposed. It is to be graduated according to income, and is just an additional Income Tax. In others again there is a Sales tax on petrol which must tend to reduce consumption and thereby to affect the revenue derived by the Central Government from the Import duty and Excise on petrol. Developments of this kind must be an embarrassment to the Central Government which already has taxation problems of its own. Indeed it is not easy to see what reserve of taxation it has for use in an emergency. The revenue budget for 1939-40 shows that nearly 50 per cent. of its revenue comes from Customs duties, and nearly 70 per cent. from Customs duties and Income Tax. The rate of Income Tax is already high, and it is doubtful whether it could be raised much more without placing an undue burden on industry. The Customs duties consist partly of protective duties which presumably are intended to reduce imports, and partly of duties imposed primarily for revenue purposes. But the general level of these latter duties—25 or 30 per cent. *ad valorem*—is so high that in effect they have assumed a protective character, and in any case there is always the danger of setting in motion the law of diminishing returns. A new Act has just been passed by the Indian Legislature to amend the Indian Income Tax. One of the most controversial features relates to the definition of Residence in British India so far as it relates to companies and firms. Any company or firm will be regarded as resident in British India if in any year its income arising in British India exceeds its income arising without British India It is not very clear what the effect will be, but it looks as if any company or firm which makes profits in British India will be required every year to disclose to the Indian Income Authorities its total profits, wherever made, and to pay Indian Income Tax on those total profits in any year in which more than half of them are made in British India. It is not surprising that this part of the Act has aroused much criticism.

The prospects for the current year in India may perhaps be said to be more hopeful than they were a year ago, but everything of course depends on how the international political situation develops.

Rubber and Tin Industries

The prosperity of Malaya is bound up with that of the rubber and tin industries, and the drastic cut in the export quotas of both products had a disastrous effect on the trade of the Peninsula. Overseas trade declined from $1,603 millions to $1,141 millions Exports to the United States of America, the principal market for rubber and tin, fell by 56 per cent., and total exports by 36 per cent. The dercease in imports amounted to nearly 20 per cent. These figures speak for themselves, and require no comment. The outlook for the rubber industry appears to be improving. The restriction Scheme has been extended till 1943. Stocks in the United States have been declining steadily since April last, and in each of the three months ending January last consumption there exceeded the satisfactory figure of 45,000 tons. The price is now steady at just about 8d. a lb. and the statistical position is good. It may be possible therefore for the International Committee to increase the export quotas in the second half of the year. The prospects of Tin are more obscure. It is true that with the formation of the Buffer Pool in July last prices firmed up, and they have been steady for some time past at a level near £215 per ton. In spite however of the fact that for some months past nearly one-quarter of current production has been going into the Pool, apparent consumption, especially in the United States, has been disappointing. No doubt, consumers have been living on invisible stocks during the last few months. Visible supplies on the other hand have increased by about 5,000 to 6,000 tons, mainly owing to the fact that Bolivia and the Belgian Congo have exported in excess of their respective quotas. These over-exports are about 7,000 tons. The International Tin Committee at its recent meeting fixed the quota for April/June at 40 per cent. of the standard tonnages, at the same time making arrangements for the liquidation of over-exports which have taken place from the various signatory countries. The present quota is 45 per cent. of which 10 per cent. goes to the Buffer Pool, the remaining 35 per cent. being available for the market. The Buffer Pool will reach its authorised maximum of 15,000 tons by the end of April, and, therefore, theoretically, the April/June quota of 40 per cent. represents an increase in supplies. It is thought, however, that if the over-exports are on the average to be liquidated over the next six months, the actual supplies available for the market will represent something like a 35 per cent. quota. On this basis supplies should be considerably below consumption and the price structure of the market should be strengthened. I have just noted that there was a large increase in the imports of Japanese piecegoods into Ceylon. In Malaya, doubtless owing to the large Chinese population, the exact opposite occurred, and imports of Japanese cloth heavily declined. But India benefited more than Lancashire, and the Indian mills are now a formidable competitor in the Malayan market.

Shanghai Branch

As you can imagine, our Shanghai Branch operated in confused and difficult circumstances. The Japanese extended further their military occupation of China, and the control of the central Government is now confined to Western China and parts of Southern China. It is now almost entirely cut off from the sea, and though it is making strenuous efforts to open up new avenues of trade with Russia and Burma, the interruption of communications by sea has naturally affected China's foreign trade. Owing to changes in the external value of the Chinese dollar and for other reasons, it is useless to give the dollar figures, but an approximate conversion of them into sterling shows that imports were approximately £50 millions and exports £31 millions, a total of £81 millions against £106 millions last year. The adverse balance of trade was nearly £19 millions compared with £7 millions in 1937. It is not surprising therefore, that the exchange value of the Chinese dollar depreciated during the year. The Central Bank succeeded in maintaining it at 1s. 2¼d. for the first three months, but the strain on its resources was too severe, and by the beginning of June the rate had fallen to 8d., and the rate was maintained round about that level for the rest of the year. It is hoped that the Central Bank, with the help of the new Loan which has just been announced, will be able to prevent any further depreciation. The foreign trade of Shanghai was injured much more severely than that of the rest of China. On the other hand, in the latter part of the year it enjoyed a measure of internal prosperity. Many industries formerly established outside in Chinese territory have gravitated into the International Settlement, and the local cotton and woollen industries did well. In the meantime, the war still goes on, and no one can say when it will end nor what the outcome will be. I cannot close this part of my speech without paying a tribute to our Manager and Staff in Shanghai for their coolness and self possession all through these trying months. Fortunately they are no longer in immediate danger, but they still carry on their work in an atmosphere of strain and tension.

Hongkong Trade

For eleven months of the year, Hongkong enjoyed something in the nature of a trade boom, and the total trade of the Colony was valued at 1,130 million dollars, 46 million dollars in excess of the figures of 1937, and a record for the Colony. But the position changed dramatically in the last month of the year. Canton fell, trade with that port is now at a standstill, and since the beginning of the current year business has been extremely dull. The war has had other effects on Hongkong. The population of the Colony has increased so much that housing has become an acute problem, while destitute refugees from China contribute another problem for the Hongkong Government. As I noted last year, however, the increase of the population has made for internal prosperity, and retail shops, public utility companies, and local shipping companies have had another good year.

I have kept you long enough, and I must bring these remarks to an end. I hope that you will agree that considering the difficulty of the times we have been passing through, the Bank did well in 1938. Indeed, we shall be fortunate if we do as well in 1939. But there are too many uncertainties for any prudent man to commit himself to prophecies. Once more I must express our thanks to Mr. Crichton and his staff. They have had an exacting year, and they have come through the ordeal with great success. The chief burden rests on Mr. Crichton. Exchange Banking is a difficult technical business, and we have all learned to rely on his judgment and skill. Mr. Paton and Mr. Cruden have given him valuable assistance, and all our Managers and staff at home and abroad have laid us under an obligation. You will note that the familiar name of Mr. Sheldrake, our late Chief Accountant, has disappeared from the balance sheet. After 47 years able and devoted service he retired in December last. He was our last link with the Old Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China, and we hope that he will live long to enjoy his well earned retirement.

Ladies and gentlemen, before I move the formal resolution which stands in my name, I will ask whether any shareholder has got any questions to ask. If so, I will endeavour to answer them. (A pause.) I beg to move:—"That the report of the Directors with the audited statement of accounts and balance sheet at December 31, 1938, presented to this meeting, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted, and that a final dividend on the 'A' 'B' and 'C' Shares of this Bank of 6 per cent. be paid, making 12 per cent. for the year, less income tax, as recommended in the report, and the same is hereby confirmed." I will ask Sir Thomas Smith to second that.

Sir Thomas Smith, Kt. (Deputy-Chairman): I have much pleasure in seconding that.

The Chairman: Will those in favour of the resolution hold up their hands? Those against? The resolution is unanimously adopted. I now have to propose: "That in accordance with Articles 116 and 117 of the Articles of Association The Right Hon. Lord Catto of Cairncatto and Mr. J. Steuart, the directors retiring from the Board in rotation, be re-elected directors of this bank." I do not think you will expect me to say very much on this resolution.

Sir Charles C. Barrie, K.B.E.: I have very much pleasure in seconding that.

The Chairman: Those in favour; those against; carried unanimously. Will a shareholder kindly propose the next resolution?

Mr. A. P. V. Cogar: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I have very much pleasure in proposing:—"That Messrs. Cooper Brothers & Co. and Messrs. W. A. Browne & Co. be reappointed Auditors of this Bank and that their remuneration be 300 guineas each for each audit."

Mr. R. G. Bamford: I beg to second that proposition.

The Chairman: "Those in favour; those against; carried unanimously."

Sir Alfred Watson: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, before we separate I feel that the shareholders would wish to express their appreciation of all who have been associated with the results achieved in a very remarkable year. (Hear, hear.) I move:—"That the thanks of the shareholders be given to the chairman, directors and staff for their services during the past year." The chairman has already paid a deserved tribute to the staff. The results shown are adequate testimony to their work and I am sure shareholders associate themselves with everything he said.

Mr. F. G. Jones: I have much pleasure in seconding that resolution.

Sir Alfred Watson: Those in favour; against; carried unanimously.

Berlin Bourse Weekly Report

Berlin, Apr. 23.

The exceptional liquidity that prevailed last weekend and caused call money rates to slump to the unusual figure of one to two per cent., continued but to a decreasing extent because short-term investment was this week obtainable in sola bills not available last weekend. Higher rates therefore continued during the week but, as the quarterly remittances of taxation receipts from the Reich to the states again produced a momentary abundance of money, rates fell again on Saturday to 1⅞ to 2⅛.

The recovery in share prices towards the end of last week was not maintained, prices dropping again at the beginning of the current week and remaining depressed until Friday, i.e. the day after the Fuehrer's birthday when there was a rally that continued on Saturday, many shares again reaching the level at which they had stood a week ago.

The amount of business done was not large but the amount of shares on offer was insufficient to meet all demands. This was interpreted as a sign that the international tension from which business had suffered had undergone a relaxation. Mining and bank shares were totally neglected. Bonds remained quiet throughout the week.

The following were the quotations of some of the leading German shares on April 17 and 22 respectively:

Reichsbank	179.75	180.50
German Dye Trust	142.125	148.375
Salzdetfurth Potash	132.75	132.75
United Steel Works	103.50	103.25
Mannesmann Pipes	110.375	110.375
Harpener Mining	137.25	—
German Mineral Oils	125.00	123.75
Continental Rubber	215.75	213.00
Siemens & Halske	192.00	191.00
General Electrics A.E.G.	115.00	114.625
Rhenish-Westphalian Power	114.50	114.25
Hamburg-America Line	56.50	55.125
North German Lloyd	57.50	57.00
Bemberg Rayon	136.75	136.50
Deutsche Bank	112.375	112.375
Deutsch-Asiatische Bank	425.00	—
Young Loan	—	102.00

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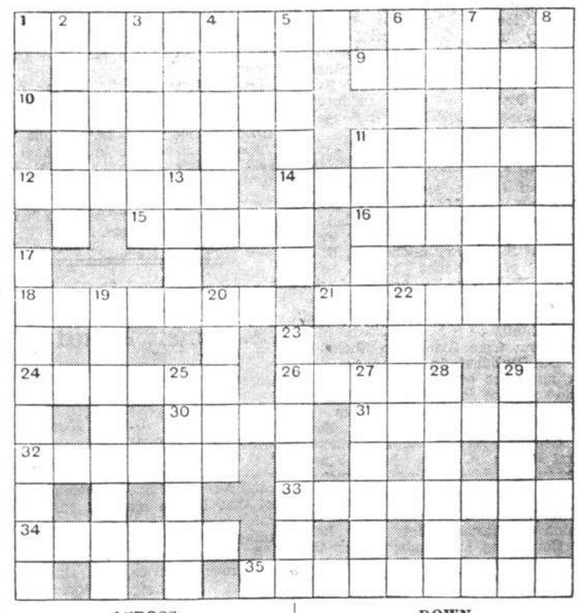

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1 Unrestrained advice to any bounder
9 A promised land
10 This old weapon was of course on one side or the other in a fight
11 Pigment
12 A foreign dance
14 Animal known in the Stock Exchange world
15 Another foreign dance
16 A stickler for accuracy perhaps
18 Compensations
21 Hearing (someone is talking about one?)
24 Our primitive ancestors also may have fled to this in a raid
26 The addition of h would make this place smaller
30 Weight allowance or a plant
31 Rough
32 A loud colour surely
33 One whose pen is his weapon
34 One plays the end of 18 across of this game
35 Enough to make a cod recoil (if they met)

DOWN

2 No rat or other rodent can show this
3 These lands are neighbours of ours
4 Agile
5 This may be used for defence or attack
6 In plenty
7 Foreign water-carrier often
8 Start an organization of sorts
11 Town of Italy
13 The sort of trick that is certain if upset
17 The works of this British poet would of course be precious
19 Representing arithmetical work perhaps
20 It is in the dark colour
22 This deer is a northern animal
23 An early poet
25 More-land not moorland
27 "Many a holy text around she strews that teach the —— moralist to die" (Gray)
28 "Red Sea" (anag.)
29 A prickly headed plant

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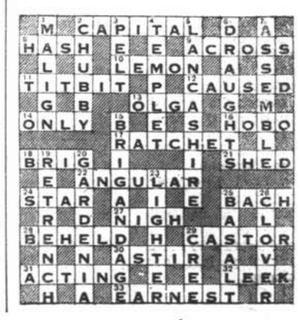

FROM DAY TO DAY

MR. Tyrone Power, the Hollywood actor, after his marriage with Annabella, French movie star, declared they would visit Australia later.

THE Shanghai Ningpo Residents Guild has decided to place an order for 100,000 shih of Saigon rice to be shipped to Ningpo for relief purposes, says a report to the "Wen Wei Pao."

THE annual meeting of the Rotary Club will be held on Thursday, April 27, at 12.15 p.m., at the Metropole Hotel, 1st Floor. It will be a closed meeting for the election of Officers and Directors for the coming year.

A BRIDGE and mahjongg afternoon will be held today at the American Women's Club, beginning at 3 p.m. During tea there will be a fashion show, when mannequins will show off the latest knitted wear, hats and bags.

CHINESE teachers in Hongkong took their oath at the Teachers Spiritual Mobilization ceremony held in Wanchai on Sunday, with Mr. Loh Yi-chun and General Chan Chak officiating, says a Hongkong Chinese message to the "Shun Pao."

REAFFIRMING its unyielding stand, the Shanghai Chinese Hogs Merchants Guild has again urged its member merchants to show greater solidarity among themselves to refuse to co-operate with the Japanese who are reported to be establishing a "pig market" in Hongkew, says the "Sin Wan Pao."

MR. Fu Siao-en, Mayor of the "Shanghai Special Municipal Government," may change place with Mr. Kao Kwan-wu, Mayor of Nanking, towards the end of this month, says a report to the "Shun Pao." The two mayors, who have been attending the "East Asia City Conference," in Tokyo, are expected to arrive in Shanghai in the ss. Shanghai Maru, the report adds.

THE new vice-president of the London Teachers' Association, who will be president a year hence, is Mr. R. F. G. Henderson, notable for the interest he has taken in the work of the non-provided schools. How valuable a servant the L.C.C. considers him is shown by the fact that four years ago he was chairman of the L.C.C. Consultative Committee of Headmasters.

THE health report of the French Municipality for the week ending April 22, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Concession were—Foreigners, 7 and Chinese 196. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, Tuberculosis 2 and Chinese, Tuberculosis 13; Pneumonia 13; Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers 5; Cerebrospinal Meningitis 4; Measles 4; Dysentery 3 and Encephalitis 1.

THE Shanghai Municipal Council health report for the week ending midnight, April 22, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Settlement were—Foreigners, 8 and Chinese 505. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, Tuberculosis 1, Typhoid Fever 1. Chinese, Tuberculosis 49; Typhoid Fever 13; Measles 13; Cerebrospinal Fever 6; Scarlet Fever 2; Beri-beri 2 and Diphtheria, Paratyphoid Fever, Dysentery 1 each.

IN connection with the "flag incident" in the French Concession, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Sunday wired the local Chinese public bodies stating that verbal representations had been lodged with the French Embassy in Chungking, says the "Wen Wei Pao." The local Chinese public bodies, the report adds, had previously wired the Foreign Ministry urging that negotiations be taken up with the French Embassy in order that the freedom of Chinese subjects to hoist their national flags in the Concession areas in future may be safeguarded and not again be interfered with.

AMONG the passengers arriving in Shanghai in the ss. President Taft yesterday were, Mr. Arthur V. Dean, Assistant Manager in Shanghai of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire; Mr. Fred Elias, of S. E. Levy & Co., Mr. B. J. Young of Reliance Motors, and Mr. H. E. Colson, President of the Colson Departmental Stores of St. Charles., Illinois, U.S.A., who arrived from Manila on a pleasure trip. Also travelling from Manila to Shanghai in the Persident Taft were the following wives of U.S. naval officers, who will be joining their husbands when the Asiatic Fleet arrives in port: Mrs. L. H. Bibby, Mrs. Paul R. Glutting, Mrs. T. B. L. Klakring, Mrs. Phillip Osborn, Mrs. Frank Virden, and Mrs. Katherine Pryce.

THE 5th annual conference of the China Geological Society was held in Chungking on Sunday under the chairmanship of Mr. Hsiao Cheng, says a Chinese message to the "Wen Wei Pao." Making the main speech of the day, prior to the conference, Mr. Chen Li-fu, Minister of Education, declared that geological research provides the basis for Chinese Government land readjustments, development of communications, census taking, and lays the foundation for district self-government, the report adds. During the afternoon sessions, the conference discussed the problem of "Agrarian Policy After the War," and will take up the discussions on "Agrarian Problems and Economic Reconstruction in the South-west," on April 24, the report states.

THE Duke of Sutherland is not likely to have been unduly perturbed by the mishap to his yacht off the South American coast, for he is an experienced sailor in small craft. During the war he commanded motor-boat flotillas in the North Sea and Adriatic. He is also a man of considerable courage, as his many big-game trophies at Dunrobin Castle show. The duke and duchess have no children, so that in the event of his death the dukedom would become extinct. His niece, Miss Elizabeth Leveson-Gower, who was one of his guests on the yacht, would, however, become Countess of Sutherland in her own right. The duke's English title, the Marquisate of Stafford, would go to Lord Ellesmere, the great-great-grandson of the first duke, who would be compelled under an old deed to relinquish his present title and estates to his brother. He would probably lose heavily on the exchange.

Mr. Churchill on Conscription

Mansion House Crowd Cheer Declaration on Need for Strong Army

London, Apr. 24.

It is understood that this afternoon's Cabinet meeting will be chiefly devoted to an examination of the Budget which will be submitted to Parliament tomorrow. It is not likely that the Government will take any decision regarding the establishment of compulsory national service today.

Wildly cheered by the huge gathering, Mr. Winston Churchill made a strong speech at Mansion House today in favour of compulsory national service.

"Anyone can see," he said, "that public opinion is growing in favour of compulsory national service in all forms. It is increasingly probable that we shall have compulsory national service before long. I am told that all units have reached their strength and that the formation of a second series of units has begun. These are remarkable results considering the cumbrous way in which the schedule of reserved occupations has been framed."

Mr. Churchill declared that England's recent undertakings towards "many countries in Europe" called for the constitution of an army "which would allow us to back our words."

He stressed the present "weakness" of the British army which on the one hand encouraged Britain's eventual enemies and on the other discouraged her allies or possible allies, "or at any rate retarded the weaving of a great association of peace-loving countries whose collective armed strength is the greatest guarantee of the maintenance of peace."

Comment by "The Times"

"The Times," commenting on the matter this morning, says: "The Ministers are known to share the view, which by no means is confined to the ministerial ranks, that the acceptance of the principle of compulsory service would greatly strengthen the Government's present diplomatic efforts to create a new international security system against aggression. It is argued that foreign countries, friendly or otherwise, are likely to be impressed by Britain's contribution to the arrangements for concerted action if there is unqualified evidence of her determination to continue her programme."

The "Financial Times" says "the Cabinet today is called upon not only to deal with the Budget but also with the problem of conscription based on a report by the Secretary for War. Mr. Hore-Belisha has prepared a scheme dealing with compulsory military training, and this can be applied, if necessary in the first instance, in limited form."—Havas.

Paris Seeks Conscription

Paris, Apr. 24.

Sir Eric Phipps, the British Ambassador to France, had talks with M. Edouard Daladier, the French Premier, yesterday morning, and M. Georges Bonnet. Foreign Minister, in the afternoon."

"Le Temps" understands that the conversations concerned "the necessity for Great Britain introducing compulsory military service in order to be ready, if circumstances required, to reply immediately to aggression with strengthened forces." The journal declares:" Mr. Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister, is now convinced that method must change, for experience shows it is impossible to negotiate without equality in strength. For peace, as for war, the Powers must have strength to enforce their policy."

"The hour to introduce conscription in Great Britain has come," declares Pertinax in "L'Ordre" while M. Max Dormesson writes in "Figaro" that "undoubtedly there is no more important a question on which to take a decision."

"Le Jour" states: "The time has surely arrived for Great Britain to build up her Army personnel."

Both Pertinax and M. Kerillis in "L'Epoque" stress the importance of Great Britain's talks with Russia. M Kerillis writes: "If Great Britain concludes an alliance with Russia, Herr Hitler will again adopt a 'wait and see' policy."—Reuter.

Prosperity of Britain, U.S., Closely Linked

Lord Halifax Broadcasts To America

London, Apr. 23.

Broadcasting to America wishing it success in the World's Fair in New York, the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax said: "Let me remind you too, that in the material sphere of work, our people bring mutual advantage.

"A prosperous Britain means a prosperous America, and since you are our best foreign customers, the converse also holds good."

The World's Fair, he added, would bring home that lesson.

Inviting his listeners to come to Britain, Lord Halifax said they would see "with what united resolution we preserve our ancient liberties, institutions, and everything that goes to make up our way of life. "We are pursuing the great task of making Britain strong."—Reuter.

Invitation to France For Madrid Parade

Departure of German, Italian Volunteers Expected

Paris, Apr. 24.

Diplomatic quarters here have received invitations to attend the Spanish victory celebrations on May 14-15 which will be climaxed by General Francisco Franco's triumphant entry into Madrid.

Arrival of the printed invitations was regarded here as final confirmation that the victory celebrations will not be delayed again and led French Government circles to anticipate the departure of all German and Italian troops from Spain before the end of May. This would be in accordance with promises made by the Spanish and Italian Governments.

Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, and Field-Marshal Hermann Goering may attend the ceremonies, it was understood.—United Press.

British Ambassador Returns to Berlin

French Envoy Also to Resume Post

Berlin, Apr. 24.

Sir Nevile Henderson British Ambassador to Germany, returned here today.

While he was not expected to return to Berlin before May, well-informed circles emphasise that no political significance is attached to the fact that he has returned immediately.

It is understood that the French Ambassador to Germany, M. Robert Coulondre, will also return to Berlin in two or three days' time.—Reuter.

British Demarche Brought

London, Apr. 24.

Political circles here consider that the sudden return to Berlin of the British Ambassador, Sir Nevile Henderson, is motivated by a British demarche to the German Government. It is believed that Sir Nevile will either announce to Berlin the establishment of compulsory military training in Great Britain or the conclusion of an Anglo-Soviet accord.

In regard to the latter point, authoritative quarters declare that no changes have occurred in the negotiations between the two countries. Great Britain is insisting that Soviet Russia promise to help to the fullest extent the eventual victims of aggression, while Soviet Russia requests an automatic mutual agreement.—Havas.

Move Criticized

London, Apr. 24.

The return to Berlin of Sir Nevile Henderson, British Ambassador to Germany, was greatly regretted by the "News-Chronicle" in an editorial today.

"His presence there can serve no useful purpose at this stage," the journal said. "He should not have returned until the strain of friendly relations caused by the seizure of Czechoslovakia was removed and there was some action on the part of Germany giving concrete proof that she henceforth would be prepared to recognize the rights of other countries. The United States has not returned her Ambassador. Why should Britain hurry? It would be far better if the Democracies kept in step."—United Press.

Concession Fire Officer Hurt

Collapsing Wall Causes Injuries to Wrist

Mr. R. De Blecker, acting Deputy Chief of the Concession Fire Brigade, sustained serious injuries to his right wrist during a fire which broke out in house 403, Lane 1, Boulevard de Montigny shortly after 1 p.m. yesterday. He was rushed to the St. Marie Hospital where he received first-aid treatment, but was permitted to return to his home. His injuries will prevent him from atending his duties for the next few weeks, it was understood.

The accident occurred when a wall of the flaming building crashed just as Mr. De Blecker was passing underneath.

China Clipper Lands At Honolulu

Manila, Apr. 24.

The China Clipper landed at Honolulu today and is to arrive here on April 28 and leave for Hongkong the following day. The Honolulu Clipper has reached Wake Island and is to land at San Francisco on April 27. Both the Philippine Clipper and the California Clipper are at San Francisco. No date has been set for their departure to the Orient. —United Press.

No More A.R.P. Trenches For London Parks

London, Apr. 24.

Sir John Anderson, Lord Privy Seal and Minister of Civil Defence, announced today his decision that no further shelter trenches against air raids shall be dug in the parks of London beyond those already constructed or in process of construction. —Trans-Ocean.

German Warship in Bilbao

Bilbao, Apr. 23.

The 10,000-ton German cruiser. Admiral Scheer, arrived here today with a crew of 900 aboard. The German Ambassador will entertain the officers of the vessel and several Spanish personalities at a luncheon in the Maritime Club tomorrow.—Havas.

World's Fair Glass Exhibit Ruined

New York, Apr. 23.

The U.S.$1,000,000 Glass Incorporated exhibit at the World's Fair was damaged by water and smoke today incidental to quenching a minor flue fire.—United Press.

Serb-Croat Question to Be Settled

Rome, Apr. 24.

"Il Messagero" announced today that the Serb-Croat question in Yugoslavia will be settled shortly and the Croats will co-operate with the Yugoslav Government. "It is an event which Italy will gladly register," the paper added.—Havas.

Whangpoo Boom to Be Blasted

Japanese Workmen Will Begin Operations at 6.20 a.m. Today

Japanese will begin blasting operations at 6.20 a.m. today on the boom which stretches across the Whangpoo from the Nantao Bund to the Pootung shore. The boom, which was laid by the Chinese at the beginning of the hostilities, will be subjected to blasting for three periods today, during which time the boom will be closed to shipping. From 6.20 a.m. to 9.00, from 1.50 p.m. to 3.30 and from 5.40 p.m. to sunset—efforts will be made towards the removal of several old steamships and ten or more sea-going junks which were sunk to block the river. Operations will be continued tomorrow from 6.40 a.m. to 10.30, and from 2.20 p.m. to sunset.

Although it is expected that several days work will be necessary to clear the river, further times set are more or less tentative, depending upon the state of the boom and weather conditions. Should good weather hold, blasting operations may take less than the six days now allotted to the task.

Boom Partly Opened

Shanghailanders will remember the arrival of Japanese salvage experts in the early part of March, 1938, at which time the boom was partially opened. It was found at that time that the Japanese steamships which were sunk to form the boom were resting upon a foundation of cement laden junks, and it is this lower line of vessels which is to be removed during the present operations.

In spite of this partial clearing of the boom, the upper reaches of the river were not opened to commercial shipping such as the Dollar Line vessels. Smaller boats went through and the s.s. Redgate which had been marooned for more than one year was permitted to come down stream, while some months ago a number of Japanese men of war which had been damaged by gun fire along the Yangtze, either proceeded under their own steam or were towed to the Kiangnan dock for repairs.

Luxembourg Celebrates Independence

Little Border State Hails 100th Year of Freedom

Luxembourg, Apr. 23.

Celebrations to mark the hundredth year of Luxembourg's independence were held here today when special ceremonies took place in the Grand Hall of the Municipal Palace.

Present were the Grand Duchess Charlotte, her husband, Prince Felix, and her son, Grand Duke Jean; the Diplomatic Corps here and all of Luxembourg's prominent personalities.

On this significant occasion, the Premier, M. Pierre Dupong, made a speech in French and then in the Luxembourg dialect, hailing this little duchy's independence and her peaceful role in European politics.—Havas.

German News Broadcasts In Arab Language

Berlin, Apr. 24.

The German broadcasting service will, it is announced here, broadcast news daily in the Arab and African languages beginning April 25. Broadcasts in the Arab language will be sent from 4.45 to 5.15 G.M.T. while those in the African language for South Africa will be sent from 7 to 7.15 G.M.T. Both broadcasts will be sent on short wave.—Trans-Ocean.

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Name	From	Consignees
Pres. Taft	Hongkong	A.P.L.
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Fooksing	C'kiakong	Wha Ying
Meinan	Ningpo	S.V.O.C.
Tsinan	Hongkong	B.&S.
Toyama M.	Japan	N.Y.K.
Benreoch	Hongkong	Gibb, L.
Hansi	C'yingsha	G.F.E.
Haikong	Hsinkong	Keh Lee
Jessie Moller	Shinhwa	T.C.C.
Jean Laborde	Japan	M.M.
Tembien	Wenchow	C.I.N.
Gneisenau	Hongkong	Melchers
Katie Moller	C'wangtao	K.M.A.
Mohlenhof	Wenchow	Carlowitz
Yingchow	Wenchow	B.&S.
Mingsang	Hongkong	Jardine
Hakusan M.	Hongkong	N.Y.K.
Suiwo	Tungchow	Jardine
Sjobris	Tientsin	Yuen Fong
Whangpu	Hsinkong	B.&S.
Karsten	Hupukow	Chin Dah

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Luise	Ger.	Keh Lee
Alexandra	Br.	Young's Shp.
Bremerhaven	Ger.	Melchers
Wusueh	Br.	B.&S.
Kwaisang	Br.	Jardine
Tungwo	Br.	Jardine
Liwo	Br.	Jardine
Hokwang	Br.	A.P.C.
Hakkaisan M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Fooksing	Br.	Wha Ying

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Dorsetshire	Br.	Cr.	B.N.B.
Scarab	Br.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
Tern	Br.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
Marblehead	Am.	Cr.	U.S.N.B.
S. de Brazza	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
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Date and Destination	Per	Reg.	Ord.
TUESDAY, April 25.			
Aust. N.Z. S.S. India Suez (Y) and Europe (Y) ...	Canton	7.30	9.00
Hongkong and Canton ...	Canton	8.30	9.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Hsin Peking	10.30	9.00
Weihaiwei Chefoo Tientsin	Hsin Peking	11.30	12.00
Nantung	Nantung M.	14.30	15.00
Indo-China (Z) via H'phong	Kiungchow A	—	—
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Liwo	16.30	17.00
Amoy and Hongkong	Tsinan	19.30	20.00
WEDNESDAY, April 26.			
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	Shanghai M.	*20.00	7.15
Tsingtao and Dairen	Dairen M.	8.00	8.30
Swatow H'kong Haiphong	Kiungchow	12.00	12.30
Kwangtung	Kiungchow	12.00	12.30
Chefoo and Tientsin	Mingsang	12.30	13.00
Hongkong Aust. N.Z. Indo-China Manila Europe ..	Ramses BY	15.30	16.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	Dahpu	18.30	19.00
THURSDAY, April 27.			
Formosa via Keelung	Hukuken M.	*20.00	7.30
Amoy H'lulu (Y) Aust. (Y) N.Z. (Y) Indo-China (Y) Manila(Y) Java Ports	Tjinegara C	*20.00	7.30
Aust. N.Z. Manila S.S. Ceylon India Suez Europe	C B'camano D	*20.00	8.00
Hongkong and Canton ...	C. B'camano	7.30	8.00
Tsingtao Wei. C'foo T'tsin	Kanchow	19.30	20.00
Swatow and Hongkong ...	Hunan	19.30	20.00
Kwangtung	Hunan	19.30	20.00
Amoy and Hongkong	Szechuen	19.30	20.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for Indo-China, closes at 16.00 on 25th.
B Parcel mail for Italy, Holland, Germany and other countries, closes at 12.00 on 26th.
C Parcel mail for Netherlands India, closes at 16.00 on 26th.
D Parcel mail for S.S., F.M.S., Ceylon, India, Egypt, E-Soudan, Italy and other countries, closes at 16.00 on 26th.
X Provisional time—subject to alterations.
Y Superscribed correspondence.
Z Parcel mail only.

Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service (Hongkong-Bangkok-London and Hongkong-Bangkok-Singapore-Australia) per ss. Canton, on April 25, at 8 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary, and due Marseilles on May 7, and London on May 8.

Pan American Airways Service (Hongkong-San Francisco) per ss. Conte Biancamano, on April 26, at 8 p.m. for registered and on April 27, at 8 a.m. for ordinary and due San Francisco on May 6.

Air France (Hongkong-Marseilles) per ss. Canton on April 25, at 8 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary, and due Marseilles on May 5, and London May 6.

Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Bandoeng-Amsterdam) per ss. Canton on April 25, at 8 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary, and due Amsterdam on May 9, and London on May 10.

Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per available steamer to Hongkong for transmission to Saigon.

Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service :—Air mails close daily at 8 p.m. for registered and ordinary. Mails for America may be sent to-day, the 25th, by air mail to Japan for connection with ss. President Taft leaving Yokohama on April 27.

Domestic Air Mail

Air Mails for Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line close daily at 12.00 (At Yuhang Road Sub-Office daily at 11.30 a.m.)

Air mails for Hankow per Shanghai-Hankow Air Line close daily at 10.30 p.m.

Air mails for Ningsia, Shensi, Szechwan, Yunnan, Kweichow, Hupeh (Shasi and west) and west thereof are to be forwarded to Hongkong for further transmission by the Hongkong-Chungking plane.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Via Siberia by steamer to Tientsin or Chinwangtao for transmission.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows :—
ss. Canton, via Suez, April 25, due London May 27.
ss. Conte Biancamano, via Suez, April 27, due London May 24.
ss. Empress of Russia, via Pacific, April 29, due London June 4.

Vessels Discharging

CITY OF ATHENS. From U.S.A. via Ports. This steamer is now discharging her cargo (except Prohibited Articles and Dangerous Goods) at Old Ningpo Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their cargo. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" will further be requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. All risk of fire at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by Consignees of cargo. All Claims against this steamer must be sent in before May 8, 1939 or they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo will be examined on Saturday, April 29, at 9.00 a.m. Bills of Lading must be produced at the examination. Lacey & Cannan, Ltd. Agents, American Manchurian Line. 25-4

NORDMARK. From Hamburg, Bremen Rotterdam, Antwerp, Genoa and via Ports. This vessel is now discharging all her cargo, at the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf, subject to the usual terms and conditions as shown on the Wharf Tariff. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. Consignees of "Bulk" cargo are further requested to send their representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such cargo whilst being landed. Damaged cargo will be examined at the Wharf on April 27, 1939, at 9.30 a.m. by the Surveyors, Tesdorff, Hannig & Co. No examination will be made after this date. All claims against this vessel must be sent in within fifteen days after the vessel's arrival. Claims sent in after this period will not be recognized. No Insurance will be effected. Hamburg-Amerika Linie Filiale Schanghai No. 20 Canton Road. Telephone 18709. 26-4

BANGALORE. The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Bangalore, from London and Ports, bringing Cargo ex s.s. Rajula, from Madras via Singapore.—This steamer is discharging Cargo at the Pootung Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Cargo. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" will further be required to send their Representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such Cargo whilst it is being landed. Examination of ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Pootung Wharf on Monday, May 1, 1939, at 9 a.m., by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. All Claims against this steamer must be sent in within fifteen days from date of Steamer's arrival, or they will not be recognized. All risks of Fire etc. at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by the Consignees of the Cargo. Pro. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents. 27-4

DIOMED. From Liverpool arrived on April 23, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on May 3, 1939. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Wednesday, April 26, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 27-4

GNEISENAU. The Norddeutscher Lloyd steamer Gneisenau, from Bremen, Hamburg, Rotterdam and Genoa via Ports is now discharging her cargo at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. Consignees are further notified that the steamer Gneisenau has taken at Bremen and Hamburg through cargo for Shanghai ex steamer Feronia, Orla, Strauss, Lumme, Douro and Jupiter, from Gothenburg, Raumo, Helsinki, Kotka, Copenhagen and Bergen. All risk of fire at the wharf and godowns to be borne by consignees. Any claims against this vessel must be sent in within (15) fifteen days after the vessel's arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo to be examined at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side by Messrs. Tesdorpf, Hannig & Co. on Saturday morning, April 29, 1939, at 9 a.m. Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen, General Agents: Melchers & Co., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566 27-4

HAKUSAN MARU. The N.Y.K. s.s. Hakusan Maru, from London via Ports arrived on April 24, and is discharging her cargo at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company's Hunts' Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. Damaged cargo will be examined at the wharf on Tuesday, May 2, at 9 a.m., by Marine Surveyors, Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. Claims must be presented within 14 days of the vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Should cargo not be imported within 15 days of arrival of the vessel compulsory Custom's Examination will be held before the goods can be placed in Bond. This Company accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any damage sustained as a result of the Examination. Nippon Yusen Kaisya, Shanghai Branch. 26-4

Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From GENOA: Conte Biancamano, with mail, due 2.30 p.m. Hunt's Wharf. Passengers expected at Custom Jetty 5 p.m.

From TRIESTE: Arabia, due 7 a.m. Jardine Pootung Wharf (East).

From SOERABAIA: Tjinegara, with mail, due 10.30 a.m. Holt's Wharf. Passengers expected at Custom Jetty 12 noon.

From NAGASAKI: Shanghai Maru, with mail, due 2 p.m. Wayside Wharf.

From DAIREN: Dairen Maru, with mail, due p.m. Whangpoo Wharf.

From SWATOW: Dahpu, due p.m. Roosevelt Terminal Buoys.

From HONGKONG: Szechuen, due 6.30 a.m. B. & S. Pootung.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GDYNIA			From MARSEILLES		
Bellerophon	7/3	28/4	P. Doumer	14/4	12/5
Antilochus	4/4	26/5	Katori M.	21/4	23/5
			Sarpedon	21/4	25/5
From COPENHAGEN			**From GENOA**		
Danmark	1/3	13/5	G. Ceasar	20/4	15/5
Africa	1/4	1/6	Sauerland	21/4	25/5
			Africa	25/4	1/6
From OSLO			**From TRIESTE**		
Nanking	28/3	19/5	C. Rosso	12/4	7/5
Trianon	17/3	29/5	Himalaya	20/3	9/5
From HAMBURG			**From PORT SAID**		
Scharnhorst	15/4	19/5	Lippe	9/4	11/5
Zuiderkerk	22/4	10/6	Nanking	15/4	19/5
			Trianon	14/4	29/5
From BREMEN			**From SUEZ**		
Duisburg	21/3	15/5	Glenshiel	13/4	14/5
Sauerland	4/4	25/5	Antilochus	25/4	26/5
Preussen	18/4	7/6			
			From DJIBOUTI		
From ROTTERDAM			P. Doumer	22/4	12/5
Triton	25/4	12/6			
			From ADEN		
From ANTWERP			Ranchi	23/4	14/5
Gleniffer	4/3	4/5			
Lippe	23/3	11/5	**From BOMBAY**		
Elbe	9/4	12/5	Melbourne M.	3/4	29/4
Seroooskerk	20/3	13/5	Nagpore	15/4	3/5
Glenshiel	18/3	14/5	C. Rosso	24/4	7/5
Glenfinlas	1/4	27/5	Bhutan	25/4	15/5
Preussen	23/4	7/6			
Zuiderkerk	17/4	10/6	**From KARACHI**		
Glengarry	15/4	11/6	Himalaya	13/4	9/5
			Mansei M.	10/4	12/5
From GLASGOW			**From COLOMBO**		
Agamemnon	25/3	14/5	Seroooskerk	23/4	13/5
Sarpedon	8/4	25/5	Duisburg	24/4	15/5
Deucalion	22/4	8/6	Haruna M.	24/4	20/5
From LIVERPOOL			**From SINGAPORE**		
Aeneas	18/3	30/4	Bellerophon	17/4	28/4
Pyrrhus	25/3	9/5	Rajputana	21/4	30/4
Agamemnon	1/4	14/5	Aeneas	23/4	30/4
Achilles	8/4	21/5	Nagpore	25/4	3/5
Sarpedon	15/4	25/5	Gleniffer	20/4	4/5
Lycaon	22/4	8/6	Danmark	22/4	13/5
From LONDON			**From SOERABAIA**		
Rajputana	24/3	30/4	Tjisalak	24/4	13/5
Haruna M.	31/3	8/5	**From MANILA**		
Ranchi	6/4	14/5	Malay Prince	20/4	27/4
Bhutan	1/4	15/5	Foylebank	19/4	30/4
Katori M.	14/4	23/5	Anna Maersk	24/4	2/5
Behar	15/4	24/5			
Glenfinlas	15/4	27/5	**From HONGKONG**		
Ranpura	21/4	28/5	See "China Ports" below.		

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Agapenor	27/2	28/4	Hamakura M.	24/4	20/5
P. Castle	15/3	28/4	**From SAN FRANCISCO**		
Foylebank	6/3	30/4	Lossiebank	28/4	27/4
Laura Maersk	25/3	10/5	Silversandal	11/4	12/5
Silversandal	23/3	11/5	Dardanus	22/4	24/5
C. Pittsburg	16/3	12/5	**From HONOLULU**		
S. Scientist	3/4	23/5	Emp. Japan	19/4	2/5
Dardanus	27/3	24/5	**From HONGKONG**		
P. Maersk	8/4	24/5	See "China Ports" below.		
Lossiebank	6/4	27/5	**From YOKOHAMA**		
Chi. Prince	11/4	27/5	Ramses	20/4	26/4
G. Maersk	25/4	13/6	Kina	22/4	27/4
C. of Derby	18/4	15/6	Hector	21/4	28/4
			Tatuta M.	14/4	29/4
From SAVANNAH			Suwa M.	23/4	1/5
Chi. Prince	14/4	27/5	**From KOBE**		
			Ramses	23/4	26/4
From PANAMA			Niel Maersk	24/4	28/4
P. Maersk	19/4	24/5	Hector	25/4	28/4
From VANCOUVER			**From NAGASAKI**		
Talthybius	10/4	2/5	Nagasaki M.	26/4	27/4
Emp. Japan	14/4	2/5	**From KEELUNG(Formosa)**		
From SEATTLE			Hukuken M.	23/4	28/4
Talthybius	2/4	2/5			

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN			From MELBOURNE		
Ruys	19/4	27/5	Tanda	1/4	11/5
From DURBAN			**From BRISBANE**		
Ruys	25/4	27/5	Tanda	17/4	11/5

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN			From HONGKONG		
Ramses	16/4	26/4	Fausang	20/4	26/4
Sinkiang	23/4	27/4	Esang	23/4	27/4
Hoten M.	26/4	28/4	Kwangtung	23/4	27/4
From TIENTSIN			Agepenor	23/4	28/4
Hunan	25/4	26/4	Chengtu	25/4	29/4
Shuntien	23/4	26/4	Kingyuan	25/4	30/4
Taisang	24/4	27/4	Taksang	26/4	30/4
Yatshing	24/4	27/4	Taiyuan	28/4	2/5
Tingsang	23/4	1/5	Szechuen	2/5	6/5
Hangsang	29/4	2/5			
Shengking	29/4	2/5			

Passenger Lists

ARRIVALS

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A	AENEAS	Liverpool	Apr. 30	May 1	Tsingtao and Taku
C	TALTHYBIUS	Pacific Coast	May 2	May 5	Hongkong
C	PYRRHUS	Liverpool	May 9	May 10	Japan Ports
B	AGAMEMNON	Liverpool,	May 14	May 15	Japan
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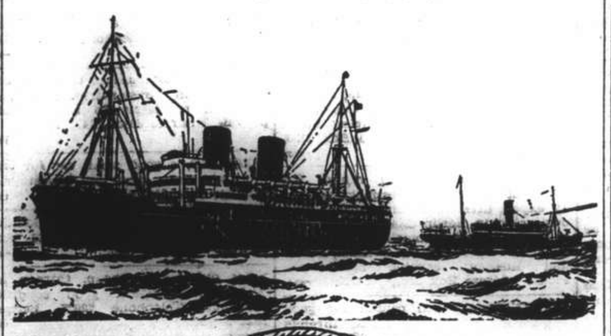

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Triumvirate Holds Powers In Japanese Government

Three Able Western-Trained Financiers Curb Aims Of Younger Officers of Army

Tokyo, Apr. 24.

A TRIUMVIRATE of financiers today hold a position of great power in Japan. The three men are outside the Cabinet and at the moment are closer to the Emperor than any other faction in Japan's continual behind-the-scenes struggle for influence. The men are Mr. Seihin Ikeda, who was educated in the United States, trained in European banking, was former head of the Bank of Japan, former Finance Minister, and formerly connected with the powerful Mitsui interests; Mr. Toyotaro Yuki, governor of the Bank of Japan, a student of American banking methods, and Baron Seinosuke Goh, educated in Europe, chairman of the Japan Economic Federation, former head of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and formerly associated with the Mitsubishi interests.

They are the powers behind the Hiranuma Cabinet. Their position of influence guarantees a conservative course for Japan as long as the Hiranuma Cabinet continues in office. The Army does not like the idea of a leadership by banking and financial interests.

Young officers, ignorant of economics and thinking that any war can be financed indefinitely by bond issues, are opposing the triumvirate. Older and more conservative Army men, realizing their own inability to bring the China war to a successful conclusion, are willing to accept the present situation.

The background of the three financial leaders, who came to the front when the Hiranuma Cabinet was formed and who have been gaining in influence ever since, shows that all of them have western training. Their experiences in Europe and the United States are what probably have persuaded them against supporting the plan for a military alliance between Japan, Germany and Italy. All three oppose such a move.

Lord Keeper's Pivot Position

Mr. Kurahei Yuasa, Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, is sympathetic to the aims of the three leaders, who are striving to keep Japan out of any Totalitarian line-up against the Democracies and who believe that some sort of co-operation with Great Britain and the United States is essential to success for Japan's programme in East Asia.

The financiers also believe that Japan should conserve her resources and pursue a moderate course of action in the international field.

The present War Minister, Lt.-Gen. Seishiro Itagaki, is regarded as a conservative in Army circles. He is not of the swash-buckling type. Strangely enough, General Baron Sadao Araki, who in 1932 wrote "the spirit of the Japanese nation must be propagated over the seven seas and extended over the five continents even by force," is now opposed to the anti-Democratic military alliance proposal.

Younger Officers Opposed

The younger officers are working to overthrow that conservatism. They have manœuvred some "liberal" Army men into subordinate posts and have succeeded in putting some of their own number in positions where they can give their ideas greater scope.

The inclusion of General Kuniaki Koiso in the Hiranuma Cabinet as Overseas Minister was regarded at first as a victory for the younger officers. The United Press is informed, however, that Gen. Koiso who was taken into the Cabinet not so much as an overseas administrator but as a Cabinet advisor on the China war, belongs more to the Ugaki school of thought.

General Kazushige Ugaki, who resigned as Foreign Minister last year, attempted to steer a course toward co-operation with Third Powers in China. At that time the Army had more influence than at present and he was unsuccessful.

The United Press is informed that both Gen. Koiso and Gen. Ugaki oppose Japanese participation in the European situation in the form of the proposed totalitarian military alliance against the Democracies.

Most public leaders in Japan favour what they call "strengthening the Anti-Commintern Pact" but that applies more to munitions, manufactures and trade than to any outright military commitments.—United Press.

China Realty Co. Reorganization

Plan of Re-organization Sent to Debenture and Stockholders

Debenture holders and stockholders of the China Realty Company yesterday received copies of the plan of re-organization of the company which was filed in the United States Court for China by Mr. C. F. Wolsiffer, Trustee of the Company, on April 17. Mr. Wolsiffer was appointed Trustee by the United States Court for China in September 1936, when the company filed its petition with the Court under Section 77-B of the United States Bankruptcy Act.

Mr. Wolsiffer made the following statement yesterday: "The Plan of Reorganization filed by me in the United States Court for China last week contains a statement of essential facts with respect to the past and present condition of the company and the terms of a plan which I have recommended for the reorganization of the company. When the company applied to the United States Court for China in September, 1935, for the appointment of a trustee under Section 77-B of the Bankruptcy Act it was unable to pay interest falling due on mortgages and to 8 per cent. Debenture Holders because mortgagers indebted to the company were defaulting in the payment of principal and interest on mortgages. By September, 1935, Shanghai real estate prices had fallen to a point where it was impossible to sell real estate without very heavy losses. Foreclosure of mortgages at that time would also have resulted in very heavy losses to both debtors and creditors.

Following my appointment as Trustee, under directions and orders of the Court made from time to time, I proceeded to effect settlements with the company debtors by taking over and selling real estate securing such indebtedness whenever buyers could be found at advantageous prices. I likewise proceeded to deal with secured creditors by making sales of security to creditors or others as rapidly as this could be done advantageously. Because of the serious general depression and conditions brought on by Sino-Japanese hostilities much time was required to effect settlements with maximum advantage to both debtors and creditors. As a result of these settlements by far the greater portion of the company's indebtedness and secured loans has been liquidated without loss to company creditors and with substantial equities realized by the company on its properties. The company is now in a position where a reasonable and simple plan of reorganization can be effected.

Mortgage Indebtedness

The company's present mortgage indebtedness, including an indebtedness of about $700,000 to Holders of 7 per cent. First Mortgage Debentures, plus current account liabilities, amount to about $4,000,000. With the approval of the Court, I made arrangements with most of the mortgage creditors by the terms of which extensions of time for payment have been obtained by the company to December 31, 1939, or beyond that date. The remaining indebtedness of the company, principal and interest, is about $12,000,000. Of this sum about $11,700,000 is owing to 8 per cent. Debenture Holders and the balance of about $300,000 to Mrs. Liza Hardoon. 8 per cent. Debenture Holders and Mrs. Hardoon are unsecured creditors of the company.

The present value of the assets of the company, recently revalued, is about $13,000,000, which is about $3,500,000 less than the book value of those assets. The company's liabilities amount to approximately $16,000,000 ($4,000,000 to secured creditors and current accounts plus $12,000,000 to Holders of 8 per cent. Debentures and Mrs. Hardoon).

Under the Plan of Reorganization holders of the remaining mortgages will be entitled to receive payment when the mortgages fall due. Holders of 7 per cent. First Mortgage Debentures will receive all interest and one-fifth of the principal when the plan is confirmed by the Court, the remainder of the principal being payable in four instalments over the period of twelve months following confirmation of the plan.

The Plan further provides that the present claims of 8 per cent. Debenture Holders and Mrs. Liza Hardoon and the present claims and rights of holders of shares of the outstanding common stock of the company shall be extinguished upon confirmation of the plan by the Court, subject, however, to the following:

Eight per cent. Debenture Holders and Mrs. Liza Hardoon will receive shares of the new common stock of the company at par value in an amount equal to the principal and interest of their claims;

Holders of the present outstanding common stock of the company will receive shares of the new common stock of the par value $10.00 for twenty shares of the old common stock of the par value of Tls. 10.00 each.

Consequently the new common stock issued will amount to approximately $12,250,000 of which amount about 98 per cent. will go to 8 per cent. Debenture Holders and Mrs. Hardoon, the remaining 2 per cent. going to the present stockholders of the company.

The Company as reorganized will start out with a satisfactory cash position. While its mortgages and obligations to 7 per cent. Debenture holders will amount to something more than $3,500,000, these mortgage obligations are adequately secured, and in addition the company will have unmortgaged real estate and other free assets of the approximate value of $8,000,000. It will be able to carry on operations at a profit.

The Trustee has sent a copy of the Plan of Reorganization to all Debenture Holders, stockholders and Mrs. Hardoon, and pursuant to the Order of the Court, the Trustee has also supplied each of them with an acceptance form which can be signed and mailed to the Trustee in acceptance of the Plan of Reorganization.

The case has been set for hearing in the United States Court for China at Shanghai at 10 o'clock a.m., June 5, for approval and confirmation of the Plan by the Court."

Japanese Cotton Mill Opens in Tsingtao

Plants Now Working At 80 Per Cent. Capacity

Tsingtao, Apr. 24.

Marking a major stride towards the rehabilitation of the Japanese cotton spinning industry here, the fifth plant of the Kangafuchi Cotton Spinning Company, the largest concern of its kind in Japan, was re-opened here yesterday.

It was the last among nine Japanese cotton firms in Tsingtao to resume operations. It was idle for sixteen months after the dynamiting of its property by Chinese troops in December, 1937.

Japanese mills in Tsingtao are now equipped with more than 320,000 spindles, 26,000 twisters, 5,500 cotton power looms, representing 80 per cent. of the licensed capacity of 395,000 spindles, 32,000 twisters, and 7,100 power looms.

Plans are being made to increase equipment by 500,000 spindles so as to reach the goal of 900,000 spindles which were operated before the outbreak of the China conflict.

Factory hands employed by Japanese mills in Tsingtao number more than 13,000 at present. They are expected to reach 15,000 by the end of April. This, however, would be still less than the pre-hostility figure.—Domei.

Yugoslavia Fails To Sign Pact

Co-operation With Axis Avowed But No Pledges Undertaken

Venice, Apr. 24.

Yugoslavia formally aligned herself with the Totalitarian Powers by agreeing to "intensify both political and economic collaboration with Italy and Germany" and enter into a friendship pact with Hungary, another member of the Anti-Comintern Pact.

Announcement yesterday of Yugoslavia's action climaxed a two-day meeting between the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano, and the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, M. Alexander Cincar-Markovic.

Count Ciano was understood to have acted both for Italy and Germany in the important Yugoslav negotiations. Italy and Germany, it was understood, are seeking to create a new Balkan bloc consisting of Yugoslavia, Hungary and Bulgaria.

Immediate results of the negotiations are expected to be a regrouping of the Powers in the Danube Basin and south-eastern Europe and domination of Yugoslav foreign policy by Italy.

However, it was learned that Yugoslavia will not join the Anti-Comintern Pact in the near future, but a Hungarian-Yugoslav non-aggression pact is expected to follow within a few weeks.—United Press.

Berlin Jubilant

Berlin, Apr. 24.

Yugoslavia's decision to co-operate with the Totalitarian Powers of Europe was regarded here today as a victory for the Rome-Berlin Axis which would aid in repulsing Anglo-French efforts to encircle Germany with a series of mutual assistance military pacts.

"Encirclement Agitators Turned Down," was a typical newspaper headline in the "Berliner Montagspost." Another paper carried headlines declaring that "Franco-British Intervention Efforts Fail."—United Press.

London Notes Expediency

London, Apr. 23.

The communique issued today on the talks in Venice between Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, and M. Alexander Markovitch, the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, writes Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent, has been noted in London as further indication of the line of friendship which is being developed between Yugoslavia and Italy. According to foreign observers, he adds, Yugoslavia's attitude is governed by the considerations that the Axis pressure is: stronger than the promises from countries further afield and Italy's interest in the Adriatic. The general antipathy of the Yugoslav people to the Axis is also stressed.—Reuter.

New Franco-Polish Railway Opened

French Statement on Firm Links Maintained Between Two Nations

Warsaw, Apr. 23.

"I have not come to give advice to Poland, or to cause agitation I have come to say simply that France is here today and tomorrow, in peacetime as well as in moments of stress, whatever happens and whatever efforts are made to raise misunderstanding between us."

This statement was made by M. Anatole de Monzie, French Minister of Public Works, when he spoke at a banquet offered on the occasion of the inauguration of a new railway line built by a Franco-Polish firm.

Together with M. Juljusz Ulrych, Polish Minister of Communications, he took part in the opening ceremonies of the line, which is a terminal section linking the Baltic regions to Silesia. The line is 500 kilometres long and was laid down in eight years. It connects with each other the coal and ore mining districts of Katowice to the port of Gdynia in running from south to north across the Western part of Poland. It permits the transportation of coal and minerals from Upper Silesia to the sea without passing through Danzig. It is owned by the Polish Government, but is under the management of the Franco-Polish Railway Company.

M. de Monzie and M. Ulrych, together with several French and Polish personalities, attended a religious service in the chapel of the Jasna Gora Convent where the famous Black Virgin painting is kept.

A dinner was then served in the refactory of the Convent, where M. Ulrych made a brief address in which he emphasized traditional Franco-Polish economic collaboration. It was after him that M. de Monzie made his address.—Havas.

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